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Hamilton student participates in Make a Difference Day.

Despite quadruple bypass, Clinton to speak at Hamilton

by Kathleen McGrory '05
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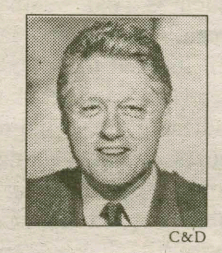

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This week's quadruple bypass will not prevent former President William J. Clinton from delivering the Fall 2004 Great Names speech at Hamilton College. The former President plans on sticking to his November schedule, including his speaking engagement on the Hill, Clinton's agent told College Officials.

"His representatives are confident that he will fulfill his November speaking engagements," said Director of Student Activities and event coordinator Lisa Magnarelli. "We've planned to speak again early next week, but as of right now, his prognosis is good and we should move ahead as planned."

Clinton was admitted to New York's Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center last Friday after complaining of chest pain and shortness of breath. On Monday, Clinton underwent a four-hour long quadruple bypass operation.

Despite extensive heart disease - CNN reported that some of Clinton's arteries were blocked well over 90 percent - Clinton is making a satisfactory recovery, doctors said. As of Thursday, Clinton's office reported that he was "awake and alert and talking with his family."

Clinton is expected to leave the hospital by the end of the week. Columbia-Presbyterian cardiologists predict that Clinton will make a full recovery, and eventually, will be able to hit the campaign trail.

Hamilton College Sacerdote Great Names Series:
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Students rally to make a difference

By Katie Childs '08
NEWS WRITER

"I've never done [Make a Difference Day] before, but it's always been something I wanted to do but never signed up for and felt bad about afterwards," said Annie Schelesinger '06. Her sentiments were echoed by the 200 plus participants in this Hamilton Action Volunteer Outreach Coalition (HAVOC) event, many of whom were participating for the first time.

Whether participating in Make a Difference Day on Saturday, September 4 with friends, roommates or teammates, many seemed enthusiastic about the prospect of meeting new people. "I'm excited about being with a group of people I know, and then also meeting a new group of people," said Walter Schoen '08, who was joined by other students

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Three faculty members promoted

by Emma Furman '07
NEWS EDITOR

As a result of outstanding recommendations from their respective departments, and with the approval of Hamilton President Joan Hinde Stewart, Associate Professors Robert Kantrowitz, Gregory Pierce and Edward Wheatley have all been promoted to the rank of Professor. These promotions were announced this past week, and will be affected retroactive to July 1, 2004, the beginning of this academic year.

A lengthy and rigorous process is involved in selecting Associate Professors to be promoted. According to David C. Paris, Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty, "Associate Professors are normally not considered for promotion before the seventh year in rank." It is literally a position years in the making.

"The timing for considering an Associate Professor for promotion depends upon a discussion among the candidate, the Professors in the Department, and the Vice President of Academic Affairs/Dean of the Faculty," added Paris

The change in position and rank "does not really change the responsibilities of a faculty member," Paris went on to explain. "In the words of the Faculty Handbook, it 'constitutes recognition of sustained professional achievement in scholarship, teaching, and service.' It 'marks eminence as a teacher and scholar.'"

The professors chosen for this prestigious promotion all exemplify each of these qualities.

Professor of Mathematics Robert Kantrowitz is a well known favorite among both students and his fellow colleagues. His classes range in variety from introductory level courses to upper level seminars, all of which he teaches with equal enthusiasm. Paris' announcement of Kantrowitz's promotion lauded that he is equally available to all of his students in his office hours and beyond. Kantrowitz not only is exemplary in his teaching techniques, but in his research as well, having published papers on Banach Algebras and articles on teaching strategies in mathematics. To add even more to his extensive list of accomplishments, Kantrowitz is also the Chair of the Committee on Appointments at this time.

Professor of English Edward Wheatley has newly received the title of professor as

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Professors Kantrowitz and Pierce.

Stewart announces agenda

by Alexandra Sear '05
MANAGING EDITOR

The first faculty meeting of the 2004-2005 academic year was held this past Tuesday in the Barn and featured start-of-the-year addresses by President Joan Hinde Stewart and Dean of the Faculty David C. Paris.

Although President Stewart mainly focused on her agenda for the year, she began by commenting on the success of Orientation Week, her favorite part of which was greeting the class of 2008 at matriculation in Kirkland Cottage.

Getting down to business, Stewart outlined the main items on her agenda for the upcoming year: issues of diversity, Residential Life, alcohol on campus, priorities for the new capital campaign and a change in the format for the traditional senior end-of-the-year departmental dinners at the President's house.

Following up Dean Paris's remarks in his Convocation address, Stewart reminded the faculty that this year the College is making our focus on diversity "more intentional, visible, and proactive." The College has recently hired Cambridge Hill Partners, a consulting firm, to advise in this pursuit. Stewart said she is also planning "more aggressive recruitment" of minority students and faculty.

The campus starts the year off without a new dean of students, and Stewart reported that the Task Force she started last semester to evaluate the current structural organization of the Division of Student Life (Res. Life, Dean of Students and Student Activities) will be reporting on October 15th.

Many of the recommendations of the Alcohol Coalition have al-

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Kirkland Project addresses classism in America, on Hill

by Whitney Kimmel '08
NEWS WRITER

The Kirkland Project opened up this year's "project for the study of gender, society and culture" on September 2nd in the Events Barn. A panel of speakers included Vivyan Adair and Bonnie Urciuoli (both Hamilton professors) as well as guest speakers Joycelyn Moody and Katherine O'Donnelle, and Nancy Rabinowitz presided over the entire event.

The seminar was meant to bring awareness to the growing rift between upper, middle and lower classes, and to what causes this separation. As Vivyan Adair stated, "its not a new gap, but growing" and often times our society attempts to turn a blind eye to the fact that everyone, due to race, gender, sexuality and a host of other limiting factors, is not afforded an equal opportunity. The coordinating council sought to find a much understudied topic for this year's seminars, and when Vivyan Adair came up with the idea of "Class in Context", the board jumped on the idea.

They hope to "achieve a level of acceptance for all", make conversation around campus "richer" and eradicate some of the obstacles that limit personal growth through the workshops that will span over the next ten months.

Vivyan Adair opened up the panel by discussing the distribution of wealth and education in America. She raised several rhetorical questions that she hopes we can flesh out throughout the course of the year. She wondered such things as, "Does education always offer equal opportunity?", "Can you pass out of a class?" and "How does disability, rhetoric and public policy play into class and globalization?"

Professor Moody followed with a heartfelt account of her last month in St. Louis and the rifts she felt due to her gender, race, ambition and sexual preference. She expanded on Professor Adair's speech, attesting that passing out of a class is not as easy as it seems, especially when we are "made to feel ashamed" for stepping over those unspoken barriers that limit certain cultural groups in today's society.

Katherine O'Donnelle focused on the "global apartheid" created by her theory of "pimp economics". She called attention to the growing concentration of wealth in the global north as "economic fat cats" such as the International Finance Corporation and World Bank continually endorse policies that create poverty. She concluded that the warnings are in front of us and that we must not "insulate ourselves" against the reality of poverty on the global spectrum and its slow spread into the United States.

Bonnie Urciuoli closed the session by calling our attention to the dynamics of socioeconomics at Hamilton College (as well as other colleges across the board). She spoke about the pressures of cultures to identify themselves as they become more immersed in exceedingly "white", "preppy" environments like Hamilton College. In a place where specific cultures such as Thai, Vietnamese, Korean, Chinese and Japanese are all lumped together as the collective "Asian population" or any other cultural grouping, the pressures to change one's appearance, regardless of monetary ability to do so increases. Cultural rifts thus become more apparent and people begin to question whether or not they deserve to be at college at all, and how they can set themselves apart.

Although there are institutions to limit such "racializations" on campus, such as international student organizations, more could be done to integrate and eliminate the stereotypes that ultimately curb students of other cultural backgrounds from reaching their full potential.

The Class in Context seminar tackled questions and issues that resonate in our lives, but are "often overlooked." The seminar and panel was just the beginning of this year's quest "to build a community respectful of difference" and will be followed up with many similar lectures throughout the year.

Stewart welcomes faculty

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ready been put into effect, but some remain in the works. Stewart said that Student Assembly is "moving forward in drafting a social honor code" and Acting Dean of Students Nancy Thompson is commissioning a study to investigate a disciplinary point system. Fraternities, sororities and other student organizations may also have to find faculty advisors in the near future.

Hamilton is also starting a new three-year capital campaign, which kicks off in December. The campaign (named Excelsior: The Campaign for Hamilton) will "stress facilities," especially the impending expansion of Kirner-Johnson, including the Writing, Levitt and Oral Communication Center, arts and gallery spaces and the conversion of ELS into student activity space.

Stewart concluded by announcing a change in the format of senior dinners. Traditionally, the President hosts a series of dinners for senior majors and faculty members at her house in May. However, beginning this year, President Stewart will host two larger receptions in October at her house on successive nights. Half of the departments (and respective students and faculty) will attend one of these instead of individual department dinners in May. Stewart said that this was in the interest of meeting and connecting with the senior class earlier in the year, and will hopefully ease what are very busy May schedules for everyone. Meredith Bonham, the President's Executive Assistant, later elaborated: "President Stewart is very much looking forward to getting to know the seniors earlier in the year, rather than a month before they graduate." Bonham also added that "[the President's] office will sponsor the senior class dinner during senior week in order to provide beginning and ending events" to the year.

David Paris then took the floor. He also began his remarks with a highlight of the start of the year: his stint as a dealer at Casino Night this past Friday in the Barn.

Paris then described the agendas for faculty committees. The Committee on Academic Policy will be reviewing potential changes to the structure of the College's schedule, as well as determining "what to do with student complaints of grades" and evaluating the new curriculum's success as the first class under it graduates.

Paris also announced that Academic Council is forming an ad hoc committee to "revisit the College's policy on children in the workspace after issues were taken" with a recent change.

Make a Difference Day "good way to begin year"

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from his Adirondack Adventure trip for this day of service.

After introductions and orientations, teams of volunteers were sent to various sites throughout Utica, while some students stayed on the hill to work with children from the surrounding areas.

Volunteer jobs ranged from painting and landscaping, to planting and refurbishing community buildings. Regardless of the task, students found Saturday's events to be worthwhile, meaningful and fun.

"I think a lot of people don't really realize the situation; it's kind of bubble-like," said April Kavanagh '07, who was participating in Make a Difference Day for the second time. "It's a good opportunity to go down and see what Utica's like."

Utica is a city with a population of over 60,000 people. "It used to be a booming city with over 200,000 people," said Haley Reimbold '06, the Director of HAVOC. "What happened to Utica is that the large corporations that were hiring a large amount of people left. Since they left, all the jobs left, and therefore all the people left. People didn't have the resources to stay in Utica." 19.8% of families in Utica are living in poverty and of those living in poverty, 38% are children. (www.wordiq.com)

At nine locations throughout Utica, Hamilton students, wearing coordinating green t-shirts, could be seen helping out the community. At the Loretto Center, articles of clothing were being folded and separated for residents to take freely.

"It's fun to come out and work with people," said Dave Waldman '07, who was among those volunteering at the Neighborhood Center and involved with weeding the garden.

At the Rescue Mission, volunteers helped sort through and organize donated cans of food in the stock room; others spent time talking with patrons of the food kitchen.

Students who volunteered at the JCTOD Center in the Johnson Park neighborhood of Utica were responsible for planting, painting, cleaning, and cleaning out a basement.

"Actually this is the second time we're here cleaning up," said Jae Lee '07 referring to a new building recently donated to the JCTOD, and awaiting renovation. "This house used to be owned by drug dealers."

The JCTOD is one of many organizations in Utica that are vital to residents of the city. "They have a really big impact," said Sharon Hakim '06. "They keep the drugs and stuff out of the neighborhood."

Across town, students were working at the UCP center, painting the façade of the building blue. "It feels good helping people instead of wasting a Saturday watching television," said Katie Jones '07. "It's good to get out and begin the year."

Still other volunteers could be found at the Hope House staining a ramp, landscaping at the Sculpture Space, painting at For the Good and the Children's Museum and playing and reading with children on the Hamilton campus.

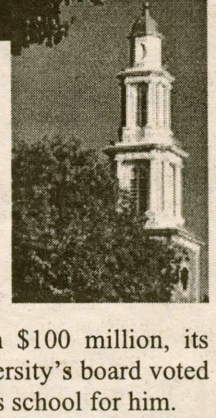
At the end of the day, it was clear that the events of the day would leave not only a strong impact on the communities but also with the students for a long time.

PHOTO BY KATIE CHILDS '08

Hamilton students participated in a variety of different work projects in and around Utica. These students painted while others sorted canned food, cleaned up storage spaces and helped in daycare centers.

"We love Hamilton," said Reverend Meier, the Operation Director at JCTOD Youth Outreach. "Hamilton came seven or nine years ago and put sheetrock up. They're fundamental in the progress. They're helping the future and the past, for the present."

IVORY TOWERS



THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

Compiled by Dan Bleeker '06

Univ. of Mich., Tufts Univ. Get Donations

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) — A New York real estate magnate has given the University of Michigan $100 million, its largest donation ever, and the university's board voted on Thursday to rename the business school for him.

The donor is Stephen M. Ross, chairman and chief executive of the Related Companies, who graduated from Michigan with a bachelor's degree in business administration in 1962.

At a meeting Thursday morning, the university's Board of Regents voted unanimously to change the name of the business school to the Stephen M. Ross School of Business.

Ross, 64, is the developer behind the $1.7 billion Time Warner Center, a luxury residential and retail complex that opened in February in Manhattan. Related Companies has a portfolio of real estate holdings valued in excess of $8 billion.

Word of the gift came a day after Tufts University in Massachusetts announced that a foundation headed by real estate developer William Cummings will give $50 million to its veterinary school over the next 15 years. The commitment by the Cummings Foundation is Tufts' largest-ever gift and is believed to be the largest ever made to a U.S. veterinary school.

Fraternity Suspended After Student Found Dead

FORT COLLINS, Colorado (AP) — A 19-year-old former homecoming queen was found dead at a Colorado State University fraternity over the weekend, and the fraternity chapter was suspended by its national headquarters.

AP

The body of Samantha Spady, a sophomore from Beatrice, Nebraska, was found Sunday evening in a lounge at the Sigma Pi fraternity by a member giving a tour of the house. Police suspect drinking contributed to her death but are waiting for the results of toxicology tests.

Police spokeswoman Rita Davis said there was no sign of foul play, leading police to close their criminal investigation. However, it could be reopened if investigators discover someone else provided the underage student with alcohol.

The fraternity's suspension means there will be no social activities at the house pending the results of an investigation but the members can continue living there, said Mark Briscoe, national executive director of Brentwood, Tennessee-based Sigma Pi.

Meanwhile, police were trying to determine how Spady ended up at the fraternity. Davis said Spady was involved in a minor car accident on Saturday and called friends to pick her up. She said the friends indicated she was not drunk at the time.

It's not clear whether Spady drank at the fraternity house on Saturday night but police believe members of the fraternity checked on the sophomore business major and thought she had passed out.

Fraternity president Darren Pettapiece said there was no party at the house. CSU fraternities and sororities have been banned from having organized drinking parties at their houses since 2002 and must instead rent a site for such events.

Adam Tatro, 23, who attended high school with Spady, said he did not understand why no one took her to the hospital.

Spady was an honor student, cheerleading captain, homecoming queen and president of her class in Beatrice, a town of about 13,000 in southeastern Nebraska.

"This just doesn't seem like her at all," Tatro said. "Sam, she was a smart girl. If you knew her at all through high school, she wasn't getting in trouble. She wasn't out doing stupid things."

WORLD NEWS

Compiled by Dan Bleeker '06

U.S. Warplanes Attack Militants in Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — American warplanes struck militant positions in two insurgent-controlled cities Thursday and U.S. and Iraqi troops quietly took control of a third in a sweeping crackdown following a spike in attacks against U.S. forces.

More than 60 people were reported killed, most of them in Tal Afar, one of several cities which American officials acknowledged this week had fallen under insurgent control and become "no-go" zones.

Nine people, including two children, were reported killed in an airstrike in Fallujah against a house which the U.S. command suspected of being used by allies of the Jordanian-born terror mastermind Abu Musab al-Zarqawi.

The robust strikes came during a week in which nearly 20 American troops were killed, pushing the U.S. military death toll in the Iraq campaign above 1,000.

President Bush received a National Security Council briefing on Iraq early Thursday from Gen. John Abizaid, U.S. Ambassador to Iraq John Negroponte and other top officials. White House spokesman Scott McClellan refused to say what they told Bush of the surging violence.

In a statement, the U.S. command said military operations around Tal Afar were designed to rid the city of "a large terrorist element that has displaced local Iraqi security forces throughout the recent weeks."

Israeli Soldiers Urged to Disobey Order

JERUSALEM (AP) — A group of prominent Israeli hard-liners urged soldiers Thursday to disobey orders to dismantle Jewish settlements, widening the bitter divisions over Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's plan to withdraw from the Gaza Strip and parts of the West Bank.

In new fighting, eight Palestinians, including a 9-year-old boy, were killed in a string of clashes in the West Bank and Gaza.

Meanwhile, Israeli Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz ordered a closure of the West Bank and Gaza Strip during the upcoming Jewish holidays, preventing thousands of Palestinian workers from entering Israel.

A ministry spokeswoman said the order would go into effect Friday morning and last until early October. Military sources said humanitarian cases would still be permitted into the country.

Bin Laden Deputy: U.S. Losing Afghanistan

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — In a videotape made public ahead of the anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks, Osama bin Laden's chief deputy claimed Thursday the United States was on the brink of defeat in Iraq and Afghanistan.

With an assault rifle leaning on the wall behind him, Ayman al-Zawahri said, "The defeat of America in Iraq and Afghanistan has become a matter of time, with God's help. ...The Americans in both countries are between two fires, if they continue they bleed to death and if they withdrew they loose everything."

The videotape was broadcast by Al-Jazeera television, which said it received the tape exclusively. It was not immediately clear how Al-Jazeera got the video, but the network said it was obtained Thursday.

Bin Laden's al-Qaida network carried out the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on New York and Washington, prompting Washington to move against Afghanistan's Taliban regime, which had sheltered bin Laden. The Taliban was driven from power in late 2001.

In March 2003, President Bush sent troops into Iraq, saying Saddam Hussein's regime had weapons of mass destruction and supported al-Qaida. An American-led coalition drove Saddam from power the next month; some 130,000 U.S. troops remain in the country battling an Iraqi insurgency.

Bin Laden and al-Zawahri are believed hiding along the Afghan-Pakistan border. They also issued video and audiotapes around last year's anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks, including one on Sept. 10, 2003, that showed the two men walking through rocky terrain. Two taped messages accompanied that video, including one in which bin Laden's praised the "great damage to the enemy" done on Sept. 11.

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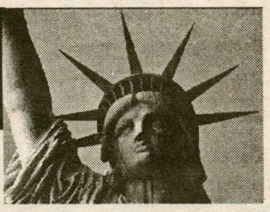

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Pup Shoots Man, Saves Litter Mates

PENSACOLA, Florida (AP) — Nice shootin', Rex! A man who tried to shoot seven puppies was shot himself when one of the dogs put its paw on the revolver's trigger.

AP

Jerry Allen Bradford, 37, was charged with felony animal cruelty, the Escambia County Sheriff's Office said Wednesday. He was being treated at a hospital for a gunshot wound to his wrist.

Bradford said he decided to shoot the 3-month-old shepherd-mix dogs in the head because he couldn't find them a home, according to the sheriff's office.

On Monday, Bradford was holding two puppies — one in his arms and another in his left hand — when the dog in his hand wiggled and put its paw on the trigger of the .38-caliber revolver. The gun then discharged, the sheriff's report said.

Deputies found three of the puppies in a shallow grave outside Bradford's home, said sheriff's Sgt. Ted Roy.

The other four appeared to be in good health and were taken by Escambia County Animal Control, which planned to make them available for adoption.

Fla. Urges New Evacuations As Ivan Nears

KEY LARGO, Fla. (AP) — Tourists and residents throughout the Florida Keys were sent packing Thursday to avoid the wrath of Hurricane Ivan, even as millions of disaster-stricken residents struggled to pick up the pieces from Hurricanes Frances and Charley.

Forecasters said Ivan could reach the island chain as early as Sunday, making it the third hurricane to strike Florida in a month. The last time three hurricanes hit Florida in single season was 1964.

Ivan strengthened early Thursday to 160 mph, and has already killed at least 16 people as it tore through the Caribbean on its steady march toward the Florida coast.

The evacuation orders in the Keys signaled the frightening reality that Florida faces as it deals with the prospect of yet another hurricane strike.

"This is getting ridiculous," said Eleanor Sharkey, who lives with four grandchildren in West Palm Beach and who had her roof torn apart and power knocked out by Frances.

AP Poll: Fear of Terror Attack Persists

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans today are as fearful of becoming victims of terrorism as they are of losing their jobs or having their homes burglarized.

Almost all of the people questioned in an Associated Press poll say they remember what they were doing when they learned about the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon - and seven in 10 say those memories are among their most vivid.

Such a highly charged atmosphere could play to the advantage of President Bush, who counts his handling of terrorism as a leading strength.

Those who were worried about another terrorist attack, including women with those concerns, were more likely to support the president. Those who were less worried were more likely to support Democrat John Kerry.

Almost four in 10 in an Associated Press poll say they sometimes worry about the possibility of another terrorist attack - about the same number who worry about getting burglarized or losing a job.

In a measure of the trauma of Sept. 11, the AP-Ipsos poll found that 98 percent remember exactly what they were doing three years ago when hijackers flew jetliners into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, killing almost 3,000.

Those memories can resurface with the most routine cues - a plane flying overhead, a siren from a passing ambulance or news about the ongoing war in Iraq.

Profs. "delighted" by promotion

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well. He is well known for his demanding classes and high standards, complimented by his eagerness to help students to succeed in these challenging classes. Wheatley's goal, as he stated in a Hamilton College press release, is "to appeal to students while remaining demanding." Wheatley furthers his excellent reputation with his well-known research on the medieval constructions of blindness. He is presently receiving grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the American Council of Learned Societies. Professor Wheatley is also very active on Hamilton's campus, contributing extensively to our college community through his positions on many College committees in the past.

Professor of Psychology Gregory Pierce is also extremely popular among his students. He distinguished himself on campus for his devotion to his students in encouraging them to succeed both inside and outside of the classroom. Professor Pierce is not only involved extensively on campus, having served for two and a half years as Associate Dean of Students, but also for his research: he has well over 30 publications in the areas of both supportive relationships and cognitive inference. Pierce was very enthusiastic about his recently announced promotion. "I was delighted to hear that I had been promoted to the rank of professor; I found myself thinking about when I had first arrived on campus as a new Assistant Professor, and wondering if I'd ever get to be old enough to earn the rank of Professor!"

Pierce's enthusiasm for his position at Hamilton College sums up perfectly the sentiment of what we hope our Professors to embody: "The best part of being a professor at Hamilton College is that it affords me the opportunity to get to know students outside the classroom, and to teach students in the context of a growing relationship between individuals who share a passion for learning."

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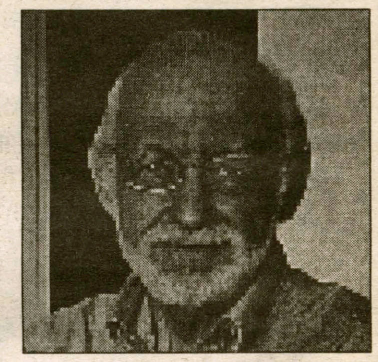
Goldberg lectures on contempory Chinese art, globalization

by Alana Pudalov '08
NEWS WRITER

Associate Professor of History Stephen J. Goldberg presented "Globalization, Sovereignty, and Contemporary Chinese Visual Culture" on Friday, September 3rd. This faculty lecture and accompanying slide show were sponsored by the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs and the Office of the Dean of the Faculty.

Through the perspective of contemporary Chinese visual culture, before and after Tiananmen, Goldberg explored the various cultural and political effects of economic globalization. He analyzed the idea of political propaganda and the "Cult of Mao" as well. The theories of cross cultural encounters and the interaction of different cultures to art was intriguing part of his lecture. Contempory Chinese art challenged the sovereignty of the Communist party as the cultural conversion and collision took place. The Cultural Revolution, sparked in part through the art of the time, shows the power of different aspects of art such as photorealism. In addition, the national identity that emerged as a result was extremely powerful. The interconnectedness and interaction slowly made progress in achieving economic globalization as well.

Through Goldberg's numerous slides, the image and identity of contemporary Chinese visual culture came through in a new light.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Associate Professor Stephen Goldberg lectured on Chinese art.

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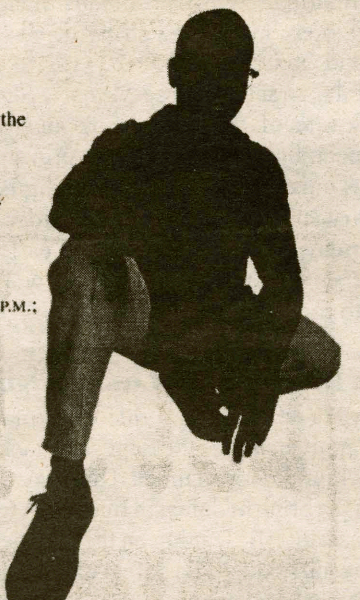

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At Tuesday afternoon's faculty meeting, President Joan Hinde Stewart announced her plans for this year's senior dinners. Two changes to the traditional event caught our attention. Firstly, in lieu of the small, departmental dinners that have become the Hamilton tradition, Stewart will hold only two dinners for which the senior class and faculty will be split in half. Secondly, instead of the dinners taking place in the spring, the President will hold them in October.

The Class of 2005 will, no doubt, look forward to kicking off their senior year with a celebratory dinner. The event will be a great opportunity for seniors to get reacquainted with friends, socialize with professors, and, for some, to meet President Stewart for the first time.

But sadly, this new event will be as personable as a Bundy party. What seniors before us looked forward to was the opportunity to share an intimate evening with their peers, mentors, and the president that led the College. At senior dinners, professors and students often performed skits, sang songs, and generally invoked the best parts of the Hamilton of old. The president finally had the opportunity to personally interact with each student, ensuring that they were leaving a place where they mattered and were not merely being placated with token receptions.

To current seniors, these dinners were going to be a reward for four years of pouring our energies, lives, and health into finally getting our Hamilton degree. Silly as sounds, in years past most of us remember looking at our senior friends with awe as they went off for the night to the President's house: they were now grown-ups, mixing with the VIPs and soon to be so themselves. But it was never the dinner itself that was important (though, reportedly, the food was generally excellent). It was the fact that the President of the College - one of the busiest people on the Hill - would greet you personally and congratulate you, welcoming the seniors, as it were, into the world of adult socialization and concern. These personal interactions are what make a community, and a "community" is why we chose Hamilton.

In May, the Class of 2005 will leave the Hill and move out into the real world. The companies some of us will work for will employ thousands of people, and it is highly unlikely that our bosses will know our names. We had hoped to enjoy our final year as members of a true community, but perhaps we should just get used to inevitable anonymity now.

Sad as it seems, there's not much we can do but take the hint that things will never be the same. It used to be generally understood that the president looked forward to these senior evenings and held them because he truly wanted to, and not out of begrudged obligation. Hopefully that is still the case, but nevertheless we are genuinely disappointed.

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Student Assembly Platforms

Class President Class of 2008

Sara Bryant
My name is Sara Bryant and I want to represent the class of 2008 as our first class President. I have the experience necessary for the job - at my high school in Newport Beach, California I served for four years in various student government positions including class president, Vice-President of the School and, in my senior year, as President of the School. I was an active leader on various sports teams including the track, cross country, and soccer teams - I know what it takes to get the job done. I am easy to work with, open to new ideas, and want to make our first year on the Hill together the best it can possibly be.

Secretary/Treasurer Class of 2008

Katie Childs
The Class of 2008 is looking great as we begin our first few weeks as members of the Hamilton community. I am running for Secretary/Treasurer of our class because the experience of serving as President of the Student Senate and Secretary of my class in high school taught me the importance of being active in student government. I will be able to serve with not only experience, but also ambition, dedication, and most importantly, the organization needed to get the freshmen class off to a great start. Vote for me and I'll help to make our years to come at Hamilton successful, while representing the Class of 2008 with pride.

Honor Court Representative Class of 2008

Stephen Sallan
I served on my school's judicial board for two years, presiding over issues from vandalism to drug possession. Serving on the board taught me to find a balance between having authority over your classmates, and interacting with them on a daily basis. In a hearing, board members should have two concerns: the best interests of the school community and the best interests of the offending student. I believe that there is a middle ground between appropriately demonstrating that infractions will not be tolerated and making an example of one student to scare the rest of the community into behaving.

Class Representative Class of 2008

Blythe Winchester
I applied early decision to Hamilton College. I really want to be at this school and am so excited to be part of this class. I want to be a part of the Student Assembly because bringing people together is important to me. A sense of unity around campus within '08 and throughout the Hamilton community makes one's college experience. I want to make sure that 2008 as well as the rest of campus is represented well and that their ideas and desires are met with enthusiasm and effectiveness.

Tiffanie Benway
What?!? Co-ed restrooms? When talking to friends in other colleges about the living conditions here at Hamilton, a top-ranked liberal arts private college with a price tag of about forty grand a year, a tone of shock was the typical response I received from those paying much less to go to state schools. This is just one minor example of the types of issues that I would like to address as part of the Student Assembly, whether dealing with ones that subtly affect only a few or significantly impact many, in the form of decisions that will need to be made and actions carried out. (Almost all issues are prevalent to most people anyway to some extent- the seat is left up for the 50th time in a row making my morning a little less cheery, along with the person who approaches me that receives my response in which I vividly display my irritated mood, thus initializing the snowball effect).

Brian Greenleaf
What do student representatives do? Why do we even need them? Imagine an administration making all of their decisions on what they think is best. McEwen would be closed five days a week. All of the dorms would suddenly become "sub-free." Scary thought. The Student Assembly functions as a check to administration and student representatives serve as a liaison between the student body and administration in order to make sure that the student body's views are represented, and if elected it would give me great pleasure to faithfully represent the class of 2008's views, your views, in the Student Assembly. Thank you.

Allie Berkley
Hi, my name is Allie Berkley and to be completely honest, I have never been good at selling myself. I have served as a class representative for the past six years, and my experience has taught me everything I think one needs to know about being a student leader: 1) listen to all the different perspectives on an issue before weighing in 2) compromise is key in all elements of life 3) when throwing a dance never tie balloons to the backs of chairs with fishing wire, not only will people get tangled up in it all night, but they will hate you for the embarrassment you caused them. Being a class leader was a great experience, and while representing the class of 2008 at Hamilton will pose new and different challenges than I faced in high school, I am eager and excited to take them on.

Jackie Mooney
After two weeks on the hill I am motivated and eager to get involved and become a part of the Student Assembly. Although I don't know everyone in our class yet, over the course of this year I hope to get to know as many of you as possible by representing the class of 2008. Having been vice president of student government at my high school, I hope to use my experience to help the class of 2008 be as productive and successful as possible. I wish you all good luck in your first year at Hamilton.

Amanda Pooler
Hi, my name is Amanda Pooler, and I'd like to be one of your senators. Coming from New Orleans, I graduated last year from the Louisiana School of Math, Science, and the Arts. I hope to concentrate on political science while at Hamilton, so I thought getting involved first-hand would be a good experience. Other organizations in which I plan to participate this year are intramural soccer, the Outing Club, Free-thinkers, theatrical productions, and writing for the Spectator. Hopefully, being involved in several different activities on campus will lead me to be able to view projected legislation with an impartial eye.

Adam Polonski
Greetings! I'm Adam Polonski, but you can call me Apolon. I have a staff and a cape, and am running for Class Representative, so I'll describe myself (better than making vague promises or invoking cheap buzzwords, eh?): I am often times judgmental and curmudgeonly. Nevertheless, I knew, when I heard the clarion call to office, that I was well-suited. No watered-down

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2008:
Central Council
The executive branch of the Student Assembly is the Central Council. The Central Council is responsible for coordinating the activities of the other branches of the Student Assembly.
- 1 president
- 1 secretary/treasurer
- 5 class representatives

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The purpose of the Honor Court is to uphold Hamilton standards of academic honesty and to insure protection of student's rights in questions of alleged violations of the Hamilton College Honor Code.
- 1 representative

2006:
Judicial Board
The purpose of the Judicial Board shall be to uphold community standards and insure the protection of student rights in questions of alleged violation of College policy. The composition of the Judicial Board is 15 members: 10 students (including a non-voting student Chair), three faculty and two administrators or staff members. From that pool, five members are drawn to conduct a hearing; each hearing group includes three students and two non-students, plus the student Chair. We are seeking at least two nominees for each of the nine student positions; nominees must be in good academic and disciplinary standing.
- 3 representatives from the Class of 2006

(Adam Polonski continued) panderer to the masses am I (although you are not the masses. That's why we're at Hamilton), but a thinker dedicated to the ideals of Honor, Integrity, and Personal Responsibility. Bah! Out of space. So... vote for me!

Megan Brousseau
Hi! My name is Megan Brousseau and I hope to be one of your Student Assembly representatives for 2004/2005! I hail from Heidelberg, Germany where I was an active leader throughout high school. Some of my past leadership positions include: Junior class President, Executive Board Publicist, and National Honor Society President. I was also captain of the volleyball and soccer teams.

I am an extremely energetic, open, creative person who loves to meet new people. If I become a freshman representative, I'll do my best to hear all your thoughts, ideas...even complaints! Give it a whirl...vote for the German girl!

Emily Pallin
My name is Emily Pallin, and I would love to represent the class of 2008 in the Student Assembly. If you love the food at the diner, are a little bit creeped out by just how quiet it is in the library, and wonder how people get their collar to stay popped all day long- we're on the same page, and I'm the candidate for you! I feel so honored to be a part of such a great class. There are so many funny, talented, and intelligent students I have had fun meeting each day. Please consider me for this position because I have experience in student government (president in my high school and representative of the school board), love to represent other people's ideas, and promise to work my very hardest to make our time here at Hamilton enjoyable.

Helen Lok
Blah Blah Blah That's what I did in high school. That's how much the past matters. High school's over. We're in college now. Let's take a step forward and think what we could accomplish together with me as a class representative for you, for us - class of 2008. As a class representative I promise to serve you diligently and attentively. I promise to will hear you out in whatever you have to say, and what improvements you think can be made so that we'll have the most incredible freshman year Hamilton College has ever seen. Vote for me - Helen Lok

Murtaza Jafri
Who's that weird kid jumping around in the field acting crazy? That's 'Za' (Syed Muhammad Murtaza Ali Jafri) of the class of 2008. I stand for a lot of things and I jump around for a lot of others too. I believe that Freshman Orientation, although useful did not teach freshmen basic things like understanding the complex meal plan and learning how to use the highly qualified administrative tools. The feed back loop that currently exists between the student, faculty and administration needs to be strengthened and students should play a greater representative role in decision-making. I propose that vending newspaper machines be situated around campus to provide greater access to written media. A far more multi cultural cuisine should be inducted into the weekly menu to provide students with a fresher outlook on international food.
'Syed Muhammad Murtaza Ali Jafri' AKA 'Za'

Nonny Chizea
Hello my name is Nonny Chizea—"the Weather Girl" for those who saw the Hypnotist Show. I graduated from the Texas Military Institute in San Antonio, Texas. Class of 2008, I want to be your president because I know I can make contributions. With your help I will coordinate activities and events that will raise funds for class functions, like a Sadie Hawkins Dance! Also, I want to bring our class together. I am outgoing, happy, and will listen to your suggestions. Alongside the other officers, I will see that your ideas become reality. Elect me and the forecast will be bright sunny skies for the duration of your Hamilton life! No nude pictures of Pamela Anderson and Brad Pitt.

Judicial Board Rep. Class of 2006

Thomas Heacock
The Judicial System here at Hamilton College is a body of representatives that serves to place the correct punishment to those individuals who do not follow the laws set forth by the school. It is important that the individual receive a fair and unbiased sentence, providing the best punishment to both the student and the school. Although the most severe penalty may seem most logical, it is sometimes not the most constructive for either party involved. Having said this, I feel it is the responsibility of the student body to ensure the pureness of this organization. The best way to do so is to take an active stance and that is why I would like to become a 2006 Judicial Board Representative. Thanks for your support.

Steve Grasso
I am running for the position of judicial board representative for the class of 2006, out of a strong desire to provide a clear rational voice to the Hamilton judicial system. As responsible and understanding student, I hope to serve the Hamilton student body in a fair and even handed manner, working hard to find the correct response to student transgressions. In doing so, I look to facilitate the application of justice in its truest and unbiased form. I thank you for your vote as each one goes a long way to secure the presence of justice on this campus.

Christon Cabey
As a Judicial Board Representative, I will make decisions unbiased or swayed by association. I strongly believe in being fair, equitable, and giving everyone an opportunity to redeem themselves. However, I also firmly trust and understand that every action produces a consequence and people should accept responsibility for their actions. I honestly feel that my experience, character, and qualifications can only add a positive resource to the Board. The signatures attached are from a portion of students who have faith in my qualifications and are equally confident in my judgment.

Jessica Gorman
My name is Jessica Gorman, and I am running for a position on the Judicial Board for the Class of 2006. As a student body, we need to prepare to adapt to the changes that will result from the implementation of the new disciplinary policies. If elected to the board, I promise to consider cases objectively and fairly, to protect Hamilton's behavioral standards, and most importantly, to protect the rights of students during a time of change. Allow me the opportunity to contribute to our community in which we take so much pride by interpreting and applying the law with dedication and thoughtfulness.

Taylor Austin
One of the most important factors in my decision to apply to Hamilton was the atmosphere here on campus. The relationships that we, as students, form and strengthen everyday with peers, faculty, and administrators are what make this school such a great place. I firmly believe that the standards of conduct put in place are regulations that protect these relationships. As a Judicial Board representative I will stand for our rights, and do my best to make sure students are dealt with fairly, respectfully and appropriately.

Josh Wasserman
I believe the purpose of the Hamilton College J-Board is to ensure that high morals and standards are advocated for the College. While morals and ethics differ among individuals, there are certain values that must be followed in order to promote a community of respect. The J-Board is a representative body that protects the rights of the individual and makes sure that justice is served. I see the importance of effective due process. J-Board representatives should be open-minded, fair and be able to weigh information and insights. I was motivated to apply for a J-Board position because I feel that I embody all of these important qualities. My name is Josh Wasserman and I am running for J-Board Representative of the class of '06.

Michael Fung
My name is Michael Fung and I'm all about upholding our rights. Reelect me as your Judicial Representative because you can't spell FUNG without FUN.

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Support the troops, not the war

by Britten Chase '05
I&I EDITOR

So I was driving to New Hartford (Central New York's 5th Avenue) the other day thinking about nothing in particular.

For those of you that read my column a lot this may seem like no big shock.

But the beauty of keeping an open (blank) mind is that sometimes things occur to you. Like this particular incident. I pulled into Hannaford and walked toward the entrance. As I was going I was admiring the vast array of mini vans and Hondas from the early 1990s. But what really struck me was the amount of cars that had that big ass yellow ribbon tattooed on their rear bumper, or rear window, or wherever.

Have you seen these? They're these yellow-ribbon AIDS style decals with pretty writing in the middle: Support our troops.

Now I'd seen a bunch of these in my past travels, but I had never known what they meant. Mostly because the writing is really small (design flaw) and as I'm driving I tend to...you know...watch the road rather than make out every single clever little saying written a half an inch tall on the back of some car. Besides, I had always assumed that they were in support of Lance Armstrong, who, as we all know, is the man.

Support the troops never occurred to me.

Why? Well, think about it. Have you ever met anyone that doesn't support the troops?

Have you ever had a discussion with someone and heard them say, "Yeah, well, intense schedules, leaving your family for months at a time, little pay, constant fear, possible death, all in the name of sacrifice for the greater good of one's country...I'm not really all for that and I'm gonna TP the house of anyone who decides to take that path." Of course no one feels that way.

Yet for some reason people in this country feel that support for our military is lacking to the point that they must put a ribbon on their car to show that they support the troops better than everyone else. I just want to smile, nod, and pat one of them on their shoulder and be all, "Wow, a sticker. Way to go star, you are certainly doing your part now."

Seriously. The decal is a nice gesture, but you're really preaching to the choir aren't you? Everyone I know supports the troops.

Everyone I know is also a hardcore Democrat...so is it the right that isn't getting behind the troops?

Just kidding.

Maybe it's the intense political climate we find ourselves in these days, but every time I see a yellow ribbon I do not think of support for the troops. It could be because of other stickers on the cars, but I tend to think of people who easily confuse support for the troops with support for the war with support for Bush-Cheney '04.*

It's funny how strongly people want to be able to simplify a ridiculously complicated situation. The logic is there I suppose...in order to support the troops shouldn't I support why they're there? And if I support them and why they're there, obviously I support who sent them. Conversely, if I don't support who sent them there, or why, I must be the most unpatriotic hater in the history of the universe (the greatest universe ever(quality is job #1)).

Of course that's not true. The sacrifice that the men and women make to serve this country is awesome, brave, admirable, and I wish I could be 1/100th of the person each and every single one of them is. But they do not make the decisions. They have to do the job because they volunteered (which can also be confused with those who pretended to volunteer (which can be matched up with those who were essentially caught in a backdoor draft)) to protect our country from all real and make believe threats. We as Americans can do nothing but appreciate and honor their sacrifice.

And what better way to honor their sacrifice than by holding our leaders accountable to making...well...good decisions about when it is necessary to make our soldiers leave their families behind and go fight to protect us? Americans owe it to our troops to make sure that they are fighting the right fights. And if they are not, then we as Americans need to do our troops a favor and put someone in charge that will not make rash decisions and put our soldiers in danger for no good reason at all.

I think that's something the troops can support.

**I just wanted to point out how well that rhymed. Originally, this article was going to be written in prose format.*

Ode to the Howard Diner

by Bill Chenevert '05
I&I WRITER

Dear, sweet, gloriously greasy Howard Diner. As a senior new to the fourteen meal plan, I have become quite furious with the unwieldy Bon Appetit system of fourteen versus twenty-one meals per week plan, as it were. But you, Diner, you're simple, you do not enforce the second-rate citizenship that comes along with being a fourteen meal plan patron.

For a small difference in price (it made sense at my kitchen table at home), I made the change from twenty-one to fourteen meals. We could use that extra money somewhere. I don't eat twenty-one meals a week, do I? I guess I did. Because now that I've found myself with three consecutive classes that begin at 11:00AM, I am denied a dinner if I imbibe sustenance at Commons Dining Hall before and after my three and a half hour academic block. Grrrrr.

So we get seven fewer meals every week, fewer bonus meals (according to the Bon Appetit website) and we're denied the opportunity to re-enter a dining hall once we've entered it previously during that same meal period. For about $200 less. Sweet! The Diner stays out of this mess - it's either equivalency or a bonus meal, no questions asked. I'll never think I'm good to go as I swipe my card with my meal in hand only to be called back to the register and demanded of a bonus meal.

Howard Diner, you've got it all. Your cushy red booth seats and big windows are ideal for people watching and relaxing over a delightfully cholesterol-laden meal with friends. Refills of your favorite fountain soda are a delight. Your line is, at times, hard to handle, but lately I seem to walk in to find no more than one or two people waiting to place their orders. At those times, it is like God is looking down on me and saying, "You are my most wonderous creature."

You haven for idle students of all states of consciousness, you hub of social activity, you harbor of delicious fried foods perfect for the pre-, post-, and mid-game of thirsty Thursday, freaky Friday and, well, Saturday. Your staff is patient and animated, familiar and friendly, and most importantly, sassy. They do not take crap from crappy students. Yet they enjoy and respect those who order politely and wait patiently.

Every extended break is officially over once a Diner meal has been consumed and evacuated from the system. I will treasure your presence and sovereignty more than ever this year. My last year. Oh Howard Diner, keep up the good work, stay the beacon of stability that you are, and most importantly, stay sassy.

Thumbs Up

-Hot pants

-The brand-spanking new Marqee Cinemas

-The revival of Common's sushi bar

-The start of NFL football season

-President Clinton's successful quadruple bypass surgery

Thumbs Down

-Vice President Cheney's 8 successful quadruple bypass surgeries

-Having to buy books for the first time since Freshman year

-Shamelessly plugging your film *Liberal Arts* in the Spec (see it Sept. 24th in KJ Aud)

-Getting arrested while trying to redeem your Casino Night dollars at Wal-mart

by Justin Thompson-Tucker '05 and Hilary King '05

Who Cares?

-Milbank: Babbitt's bastard step-sister

-The Jitney stranding First-years at Skankertown

-New Hartford becoming Anytown, USA

-The Special Edition DVD release of *Jersey Girl*

-"How are your classes?"

No straw men
The immorality of conscription: part 1

By Jonathan Rick '05
I&I COLUMNIST

No matter how one rationalizes it — duty, the Constitution, necessity, practicality, shared sacrifice — conscription abrogates a man's right to his life and indentures him to the state. As President Reagan recognized (at least rhetorically), "[T]he most fundamental objection is moral"; conscription "destroys the very values that our society is committed to defending."

The libertarian argument says that freedom means the absence of the initiation of coercion; since conscription necessitates coercion, it is incompatible with freedom. Conventional wisdom, however, holds that freedom imposes certain coercive obligations; and so, like taxes, conscription amounts to paying rent for living in freedom.

Which view is right goes to the heart of political philosophy — but the answer is straightforward If government's purpose is to protect your individual rights, it cannot then claim title to your most basic right — your very life — in exchange. Such an idea establishes the cardinal axiom of tyranny that hinges every citizen's existence to the state's disposal. Nazi Germany, Soviet Russia and Communist China well understood this monopoly. And they demonstrated that if the state has the power to conscript you into the armed forces, then the state has the power to conscript you into *whatever* folly or wickedness it deems most utilitarian. (This logic is not lost on the Bush administration, which given the dearth of C.I.A. personnel who speak Arabic has floated plans to draft such specialists.) Moreover, as the philosopher Ayn Rand argued, if the state can force you *to shoot or kill another human being and — to risk [your own] death or hideous maiming and crippling . . . if [your] consent is not required to send [you] into unspeakable martyrdom* — then, in principle," you cease to have anyrights, and the state ceases to be your protector. "What else is there left to protect?"

It matters little that you may neither approve of nor even understand the casus belli, since conscription is the hallmark of a regime whom persuasion cannot bother. This is of course the point, since by inculcating a philosophy of mechanical, unquestioning obedience, conscription churns men from autonomous individuals into sacrificial cogs. What could better unfit men for democratic citizenship?

By contrast, with voluntary armed services, no one enters harm's way who does not choose that course; the state must convince every potential soldierof the justice and necessity of the cause. To a free society — one rooted in the moral principle that man is an end in himself, that he exists for his own sake — conscription robs men, as the social activist A.J. Muste wrote, "of the freedom to react intelligently . . . of their volition to the concrete situations that arise in a dynamic universe . . . of that which makes them men — their autonomy." In this way, conscription exemplifies the "involuntary servitude" the American Constitution forbids. Yet the same Constitution that forbids Congress from enforcing "involuntary servitude" (Thirteenth Amendment), instructs it to "provide for the common defense" (Preamble) and to "raise . . . armies" (Article 1, Section 8, Clause 12). Do these powers not amount to conscription? On one hand, they may — though the argument that because something is constitutional, it is ipso facto moral, fails to question whether the Constitution, on the given issue, is itself immoral. On the other hand, the verbs *provide* and *raise* need not entail coercion. Discerns David Mayer, a professor of law and history at Capital University, where the Constitution is ambiguous, we should refer to its animating fundamentals. We should read each constitutional provision in the framework "of the document as a whole, and, especially, in light of the purpose of the whole document. . . . [T]hat purpose is to limit the power of government and to safeguard the rights of the individual." Conscription explicitly contradicts these American axioms.

Even so, some argue, conscription is necessary to ensure America's survival in the face of, say, a two-front war. A government that acts unconstitutionally in emergencies is better than a government that makes the Constitution as a suicide pact. Stability, of course, is neither government's purpose nor its barometer. True, governmental stability provides the security necessary to exercise one's freedom; but a government that sacrifices its citizens' freedom to prop itself up is no longer a guardian of freedom but a tool for tyranny. No matter how grave and imminent the threat, the maxim of Roman statesmen should take primacy. *"Fiat justitia, ruat caelum"* (Let justice be done, though the heavens fall). Or, as Patrick Henry later declared: "Give me liberty, or give me death."

Yet what if, out of ignorance or indifference, people fail to appreciate a threat before it is too late? Would the 16 million men and women whom the U.S. government conscripted for World War Two — over 12 percent of our population at that time — have arisen, voluntarily, in such numbers, at such a rate, and committed to such specialties as we needed to win the war?

Isn't conscription, as President Clinton termed it, a "hedge against unforeseen threats and a[n] . . . "insurance policy"? Haven't our commanders in chief — from Lincoln suspending habeas corpus during the Civil War, to FDR interning Japanese-Americans during the Second World War to Bush's Patriot Act today — always infringed certain liberties in wartime? In 1919, the Supreme Court declared that merely circulating an inflammatory anti-draft flier, in wartime, constitutes a "clear and present danger."

We should first distinguish between legal, civil, or secondary rights, like habeas corpus and trial by jury, and natural or first rights, like the right to one's life. While wartime may justify a temporary alteration or suspension of the former, *nothing* can justify violating the latter, which are inalienable. Second, since the price of freedom is eternal vigilance, if one wants to continue to live in freedom, one should volunteer to defend it when it is threatened. Third, a dearth of volunteers would probably occur because the administration is corrupt or it undertakes to wage a corrupt war. For instance, without conscription, the U.S. government would have lacked enough soldiers to invade Vietnam; an all-volunteer force (A.V.F.) would have triggered a ceasefire years earlier, since people would have simply stopped volunteering. Indeed, rather than deter presidents from prosecuting that increasingly unpopular, drawn-out and bloody tragedy — from sending 60,000 Americans to their senseless deaths — conscription *enabled* them to escalate it.

Letters to the Editor

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Recently my email privileges were suspended for sending a note to the campus on Labor Day, thanking all of the workers at Hamilton College who make this such a great place to work, study, live and learn. My goal in sending the message was to acknowledge the hard work of my colleagues, to remind all of us of how lucky we are to be a part of the Hamilton Community, and to underscore the power and value of publicly recognizing and thanking others who give us so much.

The day that my privileges were suspended we all received two "appropriate" all campus invitations to meetings to plan paint-ball mock warfare. Although I do not object to my banishment, and I have no objection to activities like paintball, the disparity between the educational impact of our messages and their respective "legalities" is telling. I argue that static policy that prevents us from publicly supporting each other is short-sighted and in the long-run dangerous. Certainly these policies have the potential to run counter to our shared mission of valuing education, reinforcing respect for others, and acknowledging (and acting on) our debt and responsibility to members of our community at Hamilton College and in the world.

Sincerely,

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Do You Wonder Why the Y?

Come find out what the Hamilton College Womyn's Center is all about!

***Tuesday 7p.m.* in the Womyn's Center (in North Court between Commons and Dunham)**

The Hamilton College Womyn's Center is an inclusive, student-run organization led by women. The "Y" in Womyn's Center was adopted as a symbol of the power we have to name our selves. We alter the spelling of our name in an attempt to create positive change within the Hamilton Community. Rather than using an exclusive word that directly appeals to one gender, we believe that "womyn" can be used inclusively to describe anyone who supports the philosophy that everyone, especially women, should possess a full range of choices and the ability to fully direct her or his own life.

We seek to raise awareness of women's issues through the Hamilton community. We are dedicated to the encouragement of personal growth within our community members and to effecting change through education about issues especially related to gender and society. We encourage exploration of the intersection of gender, race, sexual orientation, class, and other characteristics as they are incorporated into societal structures that maintain hierarchical injustices.

Weekend on the Hill in review

by Adam Polonski '08
I&I CONTRIBUTOR

Happy Friday. Another week of school is over, and you know what that means: time to party and drink yourself senseless. Sure, you've got some homework, quite a bit in fact, but a little headache won't stop you from doing that. Actually, you already have that little headache. Exactly what happened last night eludes you, but it must've been lots of fun. Everyone else says so. And you already have your key(stone) to fun for tonight. It's going to be a great time.

You think fondly back to last weekend, your first 'real' weekend on campus, young freshman. Now that was a good time. Sneaking into the Glen at night... you're such a rebel! You saw the grudging respect on the faces of Campus Safety when they wrote you up. Or maybe that was the misty haze of C2H5OH. Either way, you were cool. Your friends all knew it. Campus Safety knew it. And your RA knew it, too. Although you don't think the carpet will ever be quite the same color again....

And you won't kid yourself: you can't wait until tonight, for more of the same. That's what the weekend is for, man. And the booze that upperclassman bought for you isn't going to drink itself, now is it?

Sure. There are lots of other things you could do. The film society is showing the second Kill Bill, and your roommate (who doesn't drink. Go figure) says that he loved it. And the professors are putting on a concert. And they (your roommate again testifies, after directing you to the Events Calendar on My Hamilton) are also a talented bunch. Plus, there's LateNite in the Events Barn, which ran a casino last weekend. You don't recall what the plan is for tonight, but your roommate (who won an iPod Mini, which he has been gloating about ever since) assures you that, whatever it is, there will be no shortage of fun.

But they don't serve alcohol there. And they wouldn't give you any anyway, because you "aren't of age." As if that ever stops anyone. Well, except your roommate and all his friends. They say that they like to think clearly--that they respect the law. But you do, too, of course. Sure, beer makes things a bit fuzzy. But a blackout here and there never hurt anybody. And all your buds would laugh if you didn't drink. Better to pass out and wake up who-knows-where tomorrow than to lose the respect of your new peers. And what's the harm? You don't have a car on campus. Sure, the upperclassmen do, and some of them were driving pretty fast last weekend--your roommate said he could hear their drunken cheers all the way from the Barn. But the worst you can do is stumble around a bit. You would never vandalize something, that's for certain, even if you outdrank Dionysus.

Besides, nobody is going to catch you. Well, your RAs, maybe. And what if they do? They probably won't call Campus Safety. Yeah, underage drinking is illegal. Sure, you could get in a bit of trouble. Meet the JBoard. It's not like they're going to kick you out or suspend you...

And that stuff you learned in the AlcoholEdu program you had to take about alcohol impairing your brain's ability to function-you don't believe that. How could drinking continue to affect you for several months after the fact? Your studies are going pretty well, so far. You're sure that you'll do fine, even as the ethanol level rises. But...

You do like orchestras...

Survivor meets a cappella at Hamilton

by Erin Moberg '08
I&I CONTRIBUTOR

A cappella. It sounds harmless enough, right? A friendly group of talented singers who practice and perform together. But beginning the last week in August each year, the four a cappella groups on campus begin a week long frenzy to fill up the sign-up sheets outside of Café Opus with names of unsuspecting young singers.

Along with the other 112 emails Hamilton students get each day, I began to get emails from all of the a cappella groups (even from the Buffers, and I'm fairly certain I'm a female...) telling where and when to sign-up. I've always loved to sing, so I decided to try out. I went to Café Opus and wrote my name on the sheets for both the Hamiltones and Tumbling After, completely unaware that I was signing my life away into the hands of the most cutthroat singers on the campus.

And I was not alone. Almost everyone I talked to was either trying out for a group or knew someone who was. A myriad of rumors erupted- "The Hamiltones are the best," and "The Buffers never take freshmen." I don't know who started these rumors (maybe the groups themselves), but I admit I was caught up by it all as much as the rest of campus.

The night of my auditions finally arrived. The president of Tumbling After called me into the audition room, and I knew there was no going back. I auditioned, completely destroyed the pitch matching, nailed my song, and was shocked into silence when the group told me I had to tell a joke as part of my audition. I left having no clue whatsoever as to how well I did- their stoic expressions gave nothing away.

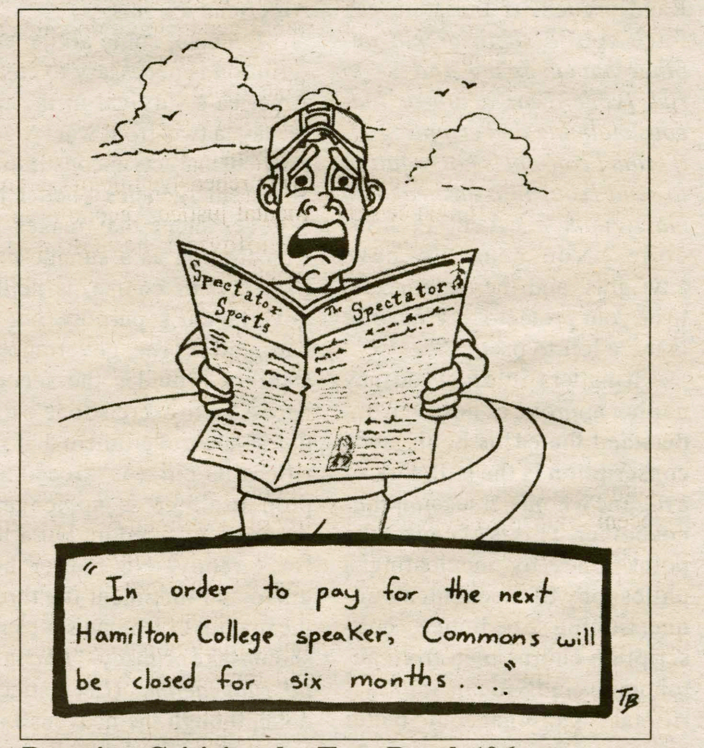
I repeated the process for the Hamiltones about an hour later. This time I knew I had done a good job, and I left feeling fairly confident about my chances of getting in. To make a long story somewhat shorter, I made call-backs for both groups, auditioned again, and was rejected by the Hamiltones. (Surprisingly, I did make Tumbling After, and I am thrilled to go to my first rehearsal.)

The point of the story- during the two-hour-long call-backs I had the chance to talk to other girls who were hoping just as much as I was to get into a group, any group. I met a girl who has tried out every year for three years and was back again, ready to give it one final shot. This made me think. Isn't that dedication enough? Don't get me wrong: she also has an amazing voice. I wouldn't expect her to make the group out of pure charity. But the girl can sing, as can so many others if given the chance! I know for a fact that I was one of three who made Tumbling After this fall. One of three! Over thirty people tried out, and three made it. I do understand that a cappella singing is a seriously competitive activity. But I think there should be more of an opportunity for everyone to sing in an a cappella group if they have the desire and the talent. The Hamiltones said it themselves in an email they sent out to all of us who didn't make it this year: "We liked all of you so much that we thought about taking all of you - but that would make us too big - so then we thought we wouldn't take any of you! But that obviously was not logical either." What does that prove? It proves that we do have talent! When I read that, I thought 'Great. So I was talented enough to make it, but they just couldn't keep us all!'

And so now I wonder. Has anyone thought about simply starting a brand new group to accommodate everyone who is talented? Has anyone thought that some of the singers who try out are in fact more talented than the members of the original group? Just like trying out for a varsity sport, the old members should be required to audition each year along with the new.

I think the process of auditioning for an a cappella group at Hamilton is shockingly similar to pledging in a sorority or fraternity. It's exciting, it's nerve-wracking, and in the end, someone is going to get hurt. To all the girls (and guys) out there who didn't make an a cappella group this time- I encourage you to start your own group! I encourage you to found a group with so much talent that the former groups will think twice about their decisions not to take you. I urge you NOT to give up, because I know you have talent.

And lastly, I invite you all to come hear me sing with Tumbling After this year, because you know I am on your side.



Drawing Criticism by Tom Booth '06

Hamilton welcomes new members of the faculty

by Annie Bowler '08
FEATURES CONTRIBUTOR

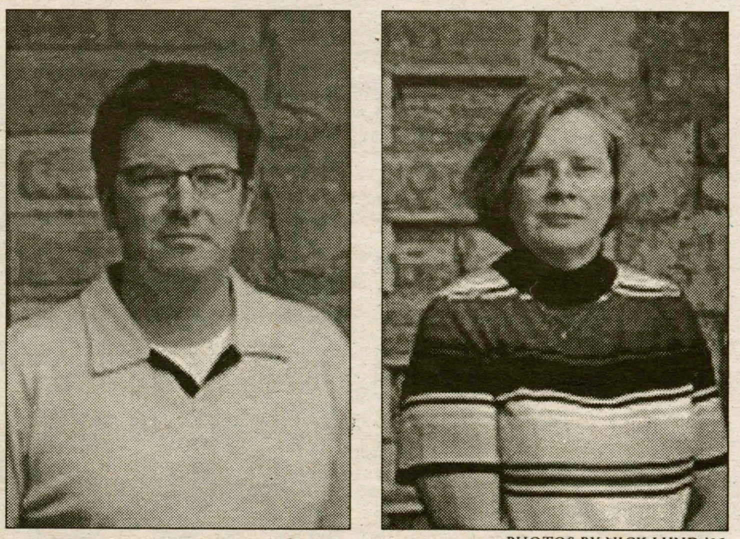
As Hamilton begins its 193rd year, we welcome a bevy of new faculty members, all with unique backgrounds and exciting credentials to bring to the Hamilton staff.

Daryl Britton comes to Hamilton to teach in the sociology department. She is currently teaching American Sociology, Sociology of Collective Memory, and will teach three courses this spring, including Introduction to Sociology, Visual Sociology, and Sociology of Place and Space. Some exciting potential projects for her students include detailing the life of a Hamilton student, and a possible fall final trip to New York City to study the relationship between identity and living spaces. Professor Britton obtained a Masters of Science in finance from the University of Illinois and a Bachelor of Science in business administration from Auburn University. She was previously a professional violinist until a hand injury prevented her from continuing in the profession. Britton is excited about the intimacy provided by the small class sizes at Hamilton; "I have taught many, many courses in my life. I am particularly happy to be at Hamilton because I will have the opportunity to really know my students here."

Stephen Ellingson joins Professor Britton in the sociology department. He is currently teaching American Society, Sociology of Religion, Sociological Theory, and Sociology of Culture. Professor Ellingson obtained a masters degree in theology from Luther Theological Seminary in St. Paul Minnesota before receiving his Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Chicago. He has taught courses as a visiting assistant professor at the Univeristy of Chicago and at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary at Berkeley. Professor Ellingson was attracted to Hamilton's liberal arts format and its flexibility, which will allow him to balance both teaching and research. He also said that he was really impressed by his faculty colleagues and the caliber of students he met during his campus interview last fall. Ellingson's favorite spot on campus?; the Root Glen.

Katherine Terrell joins the Hamilton faculty as a professor of English, and is currently teaching Chaucer and Old English. Professor Terrell attended Kenyon College in Ohio for her undergraduate degree, where she double majored in English and Studio Art. She obtained masters degrees from Oxford University and University of Toronto. From there, Terrell went to Cornell for her Ph.D., where she taught courses on Shakespeare and Medieval Christian perceptions of Muslims. Professor Terrell is excited for the upcoming school year; as she said, "I came to Hamilton because I believe in the value of a liberal arts education and because this position gives me the chance to teach the subjects I love." When asked which side of campus she enjoys the most, Terrell stayed in step with her love of old literature, stating that she preferred the light side because of its age. Terrell's other interests include art, Victorian literature, film, and travel.

David Steitz, a new addition to the Hamilton psychology department, attended Drew University where he earned a Bachelors of Arts in psychology and sociology. From there he went to Syracuse University for his masters and Ph.D. in experimental psychology. Prior to Hamilton, Professor Steitz taught in the psychology department at his alma mater, Syracuse University, for four years. Steitz will teach Psychology 101 and 203 this semester at Hamilton. Steitz opted to come to Hamilton for myriad reasons. First and foremost, he was impressed with Hamilton's psychology department. Like most students, though, Steitz was drawn to the feel of the Hamilton campus, and is especially fond of the atmosphere in Sage Rink.



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David Steitz, who will be teaching psychology, and Daryl Britton, a sociology teacher, are among the new faculty members at Hamilton.

Rebecca Murtaugh joins the Hamilton faculty as well this academic year. She is teaching ceramics and pottery this semester. Murtaugh came to Hamilton after teaching at Virginia Commonwealth University. She received her Bachelor of Science from the Pennsylvania State University, and a Masters of Fine Arts from Virginia Commonwealth. Professor Murtaugh taught ceramics and sculpture at the College of the Redwoods in Eureka, California for three years. While in California, she was Co-Director of the college art gallery. Murtaugh commented on the quality of the students at Hamilton and stated that she came to Hamilton "because it was an excellent fit." Aside from teaching, Murtaugh enjoys sunny afternoons with her family.

Other new additions to the Hamilton faculty this fall include Chad Williams, history; Jessica Burke, Spanish; John Ceballes, philosophy; Wen-Hui Chen, East Asian languages; Carla Davis, sociology; Amber Douglas, psychology; Edward Gallagher, sociology; Gabriel Gould, music; Joy James, Africana studies; Karl Kirschnew, chemistry; Anand Pandian, anthropology and history; Jennifer Phillips, French; Gita Rajan, woman's studies; Matthew Romaniello, history; Phillip Stewart, French; and Kermit Dunkelberg, theater and dance.

Hamilton is excited to have these wonderful additions to its staff. We wish them all the best of luck.

Students awarded Levitt Summer Fellowships

by Emily Lemanczyk '05
FEATURES EDITOR

What do environmental regulation, the war in Iraq, Wal-Mart, the EU, and social spaces in cities have in common? Not much, aside from the fact that these topics served as the basis for many Levitt Fellowship research projects this past summer. Eight Hamilton students were awarded the prestigious Levitt Center summer research fellowships and spent ten weeks over the summer working in close collaboration with a faculty advisor on their research project.

Although the mission of the Levitt Center is "to enhance student research around issues of public affairs," the summer grant program supports students eager to do research in a variety of fields, not just government or public policy.

The program was originally designed to provide research opportunities for seniors; however, in recent years, the Levitt Center has made exceptions to this rule, permitting rising juniors and sophomores to take advantage of the amazing opportunites the program has to offer. Students spend majority of the summer working in collaboration with a faculty member and receive a summer stipend and some expense money for their research.

Chris Bordoni '07 worked with Professor Julio Videras of the economics department on a project titled "Violations and Enforcement of Environmental Regulation in New York State." Bordoni's goal was to prove that NYS envionemntal laws are not uniformly upheld, particularly between lower-income communities versus more upscale communities. Bordoni claims, "the distribution of environmental risks has received great attention over the last decade. Under the comprehensive title of "environmental justice," economists and sociologiest have examined whether low-income and minority comunities are exposed to a disproportionalte share of pollution and envionmental risks." His project will examine whether state and local officials apply environmental laws differently depending on the socio-economic identity of a community where environmental violations occur, examining the "environmental quality, adherence to environmental standards, enforcement intensity, and the socio-economic profile of New York State."

Within the last few years, social spaces have become a hot topic at Hamilton. Students and faculty alike have discussed social spaces; asking what makes certain social spaces work and other social spaces fail? What constitutes a social space, and should there be more social spaces on campus? Chris Takacs '05, a double sociology and philosophy major, spent his summer examining these questions regarding social spaces, specifically in urban areas as a Levitt summer fellow with his project, "The Architecture of Democracy: Key Structural Elements of Successful Public Spaces." The overall goal of Takacs' project, which he is still working on as a senior fellow this year, is to develop a better understanding of how public spaces are designated to successfully accommodate a range of social and physical interaction, specifically examining the urban sidewalk, the urban park, and the virtual spaces of online role-playing games. Hamilton College Professor of Sociology Dan Chambliss is Takacs' primary advisor.

When Yin Tian '07 first arrived at Hamilton, she knew little about the global market and the effects of globalization. As a Levitt scholar, Tian hoped to learn more about the global economy and the way larger US corporations affect her world by studying Wal-Mart's strategies in Shenzhen and Shanghai, China, and examining Wal-Mart's real influence on China's labor market. Tian worked with Professor Cheng Li on her project, titled "Wal-Mart in China: The Gigantic U.S. Corporation's Expansion Ruins China's Labor Market." "The nation has suffered from the high unemployment since the early 1980's when it first half-opened its door to the foreign competitors," Tian expalins. Through her summer research, Tian was hoping to find that US multinational corporations like Wal-Mart are not really creating jobs in China; instead, multi-nationals just push all the other Chinese retailers out of the game and steal their employees.

After working with the Republican National Convention in New York City and studying in Paris, France last year, Lexi Buscaglia '05 became very aware of her two true academic interests, French and politics. Buscaglia figured out a way to fuse her two passions into one single project: as a Levitt scholar, Buscaglia began to study the European Union and its newly ratified constitutional treaty this summer. She focused primarily on how the new constitution will affect France and if the EU will help strengthen or weaken France's political power. This year, Buscaglia will continue her summer research project, expanding on her original idea for her senior thesis under the advisement of Government Professor Alan Cafruny.

Other Levitt scholars include: Svetoslav Derderyan, who worked with Prof. Alan Cafruny on his project "European Enlargement and the Future of European Foreign Policy;" Danielle Levine, who collaborated with Prof. Steve Orvis on her project, "Economic Liberalization and the Effect on Kenya's Agrarian Economy"; Qi Ge who worked with Prof. Steven Wu, on "Why Uninsured? An Analysis of Behavioral Factors in Predicting Health Insurance Coverage;" and Jonathan Rick who worked with Prof. Yael Aronoff on his project, "Does the War in Iraq Have Sufficient Justification?"

For more information on the Levitt Center or the Levitt Summer Fellowship Program, visit the Levitt Center's webpage atwww.hamilton.edu/levitt or contact Sharon Topi at stopi@hamilton.edu or at extension 4451.

Reimbold awarded for service

by Danielle Sclafani '08
FEATURES CONTRIBUTOR

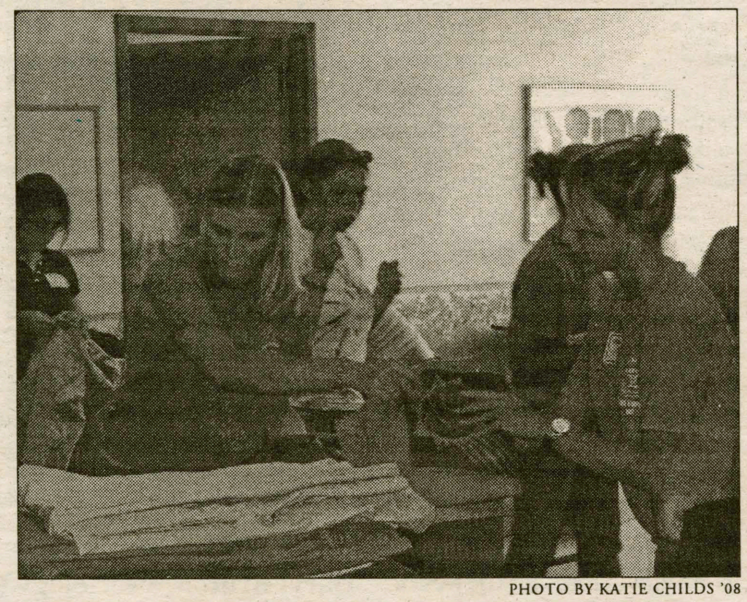

PHOTO BY KATIE CHILDS '08

Haley Reimbold '06 helped organize Make a Difference Day, which included the participation of over 200 students.

With her head just barely visible above the podium Saturday morning at the kick-off for Hamilton's annual Make a Difference Day, Haley Reimbold made it clear to students and faculty that you do not have to be very tall, or even very loud, to make a difference. Indeed, Haley, a Hamilton junior, may be short in stature, but through her dedication to service over the years, she has left a very distinguishable mark on the Hamilton community and on the world at large.

Haley is the director of HAVOC (Hamilton Action Volunteer Outreach Coalition) and has been a forerunner in the organization of many service projects such as Martin Luther King Service Day and Make a Difference Day. In the past, she has also been an instrumental participant in various programs such as Alternative Spring Break and campus blood drives. However, Haley's dedication to service is not just rooted within the Hamilton community; she has been concerned with the well being of others since a very young age.

When Haley was only fourteen years old, she began one of her first service projects. In middle school, after seeing a television special on Nickelodeon about Locks of Love, an organization dedicated to making wigs for children with cancer and alopecia, Haley began growing her own hair to donate to the cause. Two years later, Haley went to a local salon and donated ten inches of her caramel-colored hair to the organization. Even though many of her friends tried to convince her to keep her "luscious locks", Haley resisted the superficial demeanor of the high school world and confidently went to school sporting her shorter, chic look. After donating her hair, Haley worked to educate her community about Locks of Love by talking to groups of girl scouts and by posting information about the organization in hair salons, and, yet again, she began to grow her hair to donate to another sick child.

But Locks of Love was only just the beginning of Haley's commitment to community service. Since entering college, Haley has become an even greater role model and leader for her peers; she is by no means the ordinary college student. Sure, walking around campus, one might see Haley as just the typical "girl-next-door" kind a person, but once you get to know her, you realize just how far her kind heart and positive attitude extend. John Pappano, a junior, echoes this sentiment when he said of Haley during a casual conversation one evening, "one day that girl is going to take over the world!"

Indeed, such a comment is rightfully made. In New Jersey last May, Reimbold received the prestigious "Russ Berrie Award for Making a Difference." Haley was granted a sum of $50,000, the top award, for demonstrating extraordinary academic and service-related achievements. She was nominated by her mother and aunt for the award, and did not expect to win the grand prize.

"I was so mad that my mom and aunt nominated me because I hate awards and recognition," Haley recalls. "I had to drive 6 hours to go to a ceremony for all the people who won awards. I was sitting in this huge Wellin Hall-type auditorium for a ceremony, surrounded by such amazing people who did such amazing things. I did not want to go on stage and make a speech. I thought I didn't stand a chance because so many people had done such extraordinary things ... my name was not called when they announced the winners for the $2,500 prize, and I thought they had forgotten about me! Later, they announced my name for the $50,000 prize. I could not believe it. So I did have to go on stage and make a speech; I was so nervous!" Haley recalls.

For Haley, the award is simply motivation to do more and to continue her service pursuits. She expects to lead many more service projects over the course of the year through HAVOC and continue her service work after graduation next year.

And so, a word to the wise: next time you see a girl, short in stature, with caramel-colored hair (maybe long, maybe short) walking around campus, don't dismiss her as just your average girl next door. Haley Reimbold is much more than that. She's a Samaritan, a leader, a hero, and, at the rate she's going, is well on her way to helping the whole world.

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THIS WEEK IN HAMILTON HISTORY

Drinking Habits Subject to Change
September 9, 1977

As orientation week began, rumors on the Hill bespoke a drastic change in student drinking habits. The Village Tavern was under new management, said to have plans for turning the traditional watering hole into a family restaurant.

Hamilton Dean of Students R. Gordan Bingham hinted and the student handbook declared that the Pub was to close an hour and one half earlier than last year.

The fears of the non-temperates were unfounded, however. Bingham is having "second thoughts" about the early closing hour. "Certain things have been brought to my attention, such as the fact that the library doesn't close until midnight, which caused me to reconsider," he said.

The Dean said "many things" led to his first decision to reduce the Pub's hours. He cited "irresponsible behavior" and "vandalism" as problems that might be alleviated by an earlier closing time. However, he also coupled the reduction of hours to the offering of alternatives to the Pub. With a greater variety of social functions, the late-night load could be diverted from the overcrowded and overused Pub.

Bingham was unable to specify what the "other options" might be, but he plans to announce his decision on the new hours for the Pub in time for its opening night.

Deficit-Between the Ledger's Lines
September 16, 1977

Was Kirkland College hopelessly insolvent during the next-to-last year of its independent existence, or was it paralyzed by Hamilton's refusal to "keep the faith"? The debate continues.

Hamilton College provided $925,517 of financial assistance to Kirkland College during the July 1976-July 1977 academic year, according to Hamilton Provost Sidney Wertimer Jr.

The bulk of the sum, $705,517, was the amount of shared administrative expenses Kirkland was unable to pay. This category includes joint campus operations such as the library, health center, and business office. Another $220,000 was loaned to Kirkland to help the College meet its payroll and pay the premium on its 8.4 million dollars in New York State Dormitory Authority Loans.

Wertimer said that the Hamilton trustees had been informally apprised of Kirkland's difficulties as early as their March 1976 meeting. "So the question was being debated and discussed for over a year before the decision to amalgamate," said Wertimer.

Students injured in weekend car accident
September 1, 1998

At approximately 2:00 Sunday morning, a car carrying five students returning to campus lost control, skidded, and ended up in a ditch on the side of Fountain Street in the Village of Clinton.

Kirkland Police arrived on the scene at approximately 2:40 a.m., after a resident of Fountain Street telephoned regarding an abandoned car.

Officers called to the scene found the car, a considerable amount of blood, and no bodies.

The police would later learn that all five sophomores, returning from an off-campus party at the Breakaway Lounge, recieved a ride back to campus after abandoning their car.

Three students would eventually require treatment at St. Luke's Hospital in Utica. All were treated: one for a broken shoulder, one for lacerations, and one for complains of head injuries, and then released.

The driver of the vehicle (name withheld) escaped with minor bumps and bruises. He was, however, issued four citations by the Kirkland Police: failure to stay right, speed not reasonable and prudent, reckless driving, and leaving the scene of an accident.

The Kirkland Police suspect that alcohol was involved in the incident. It is the opinion of Officer Knight, the Kirkland Police Officer investigating the accident, that the students are "lucky nobody was killed."

Call for Recommendations
Alumni Association Distinguished Service Award

The Nominations Committee of the Alumni Council invites members of the on-campus community, alumni, and others to provide the Committee with recommendations for the annual Hamilton College Alumni Association Distinguished Service Award. In October, the Alumni Council will act on the nomination put forward by the Committee. The formal award presentation will take place at Hamilton during the Spring 2005 meetings of the Alumni Council.

The purpose of the award is to recognize an employee who has substantially contributed to Hamilton through distinguished performance in his or her position and through involvement in student, alumni or other activities in the College community. At the time of selection, the individual will be an active member of Hamilton's faculty, administration, staff, or maintenance and operations. Distinguished Service Award honorees to date: Eugene M. Tobin (2003) and Carole A. Bellini-Sharp (2004).

By September 8, 2004, please forward suggestions to the Alumni Secretary - Dean Abelon, Office of Communications and Development, Hamilton College, 198 College Hill Road, Clinton, New York 13323, or dablelon@hamilton.edu. All suggestions should include the candidate's name, position at the College, justification for the recommendation, and the name and contact information of the person submitting the suggestion.

The justification should be detailed and should cite specific examples of outstanding performance. All suggestions will be presented to the Nominations Committee of the Alumni Council in the format in which they are submitted to the Alumni Secretary.

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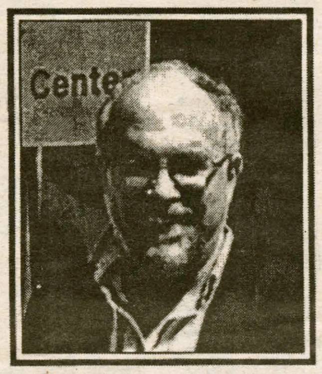

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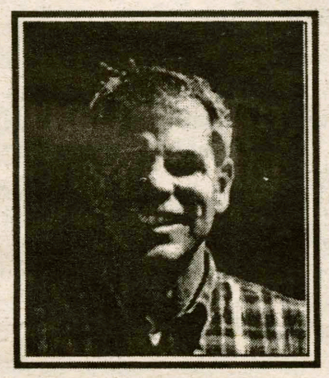

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Who hooked up with whom on *The Real World*? *Ghostwriter* knows!

by Megan Semerod '06
A&E Writer

I remember thinking I was the coolest thing in the world when I was nine and I had a pen necklace that I wore around my neck just like I was one of the kids on *Ghostwriter*. It's amazing how something that had made such an impact on a fourth grader's life had been so easily forgotten. Surprisingly, that great memory resurfaced this week as I was watching *Real World: Philadelphia*. On Tuesday, I was reacquainted with one of my favorite TV programs from elementary school -*Ghostwriter*.

Why, you may ask? Well, MTV decided that Willie Hernandez would be perfect for one of the "seven strangers picked to live in Philadelphia and have their lives taped to see what happens when people stop being polite and start being real." Willie was involved in theatre his entire life, including playing Hector in *Ghostwriter* in 1993.

If you were living under a rock in the early 90s (missing other quality programs such as *Salute Your Shorts, Hey Dude!, Full House* and *Saved by the Bell*) or if you were too cool to even consider watching a show on PBS, you may have missed this gem. Assuming this is the case, I'll share with you why *Ghostwriter* was *the* cool program to watch every weekend, other than the fact that there weren't any commercial breaks.

I don't know if my daily dose of "Goosebumps" set the tone or my dabbling in Nancy Drew mysteries peaked the interest, but when I tuned into a program centered on a group of kids in Brooklyn who all begin to receive strange messages from some mysterious being - I was hooked.

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With *Ghostwriter* long gone, the stars of the show now find themselves facing *The Real World*. Well, at least one of them is.

As each of the cast members received spooky messages on their computers or written somewhere in their world, they were led on an adventure that involved solving mysteries as a team. I loved it. I realize now that the producers were promoting literacy and diversity but the basic concept and scripts sure pulled me in.

As the group of friends bonded each episode, they discovered that the spirit (Ghostwriter) was friendly and really trying to help. Ghostwriter led them through the steps of cracking codes and solving puzzles that resulted in some intense story lines (at least for elementary school).

Over the course of three seasons, the kids stopped a backpack crime spree, determined who burned down a local video store, rounded up the guilty party responsible for dirty middle school politics, and even traveled back into time to determine who stole a tea set in the 1920s. Where are you now, Ghostwriter?

Well, maybe now that Hector (Willie) is in Philadelphia, Ghostwriter will once again help solve some mysteries. I guess the material will be upgraded from stolen Galaxy Girl costumes to which roommates have hooked up or why they missed work. Or maybe Ghostwriter can help me find my keys. I know my roommate would appreciate him writing on the ceiling where I last left my keys. If only life was that simple again!

CD Review: Rilo Kiley

by Chris Fazio '06
A&E Writer

Jenny Lewis has a way of stopping your average, undersexed hipster in his tracks. As a glamorous, beautiful, former child-actor from L.A., Lewis never ostensibly fit the indie rock mold. Discussion of her pop outfit, Rilo Kiley, often devolves into arguments over how hot she is or whether she's really as vulgar as her lyrics suggest. Yeah, these things say nothing about the music, but the band's latest effort, More Adventurous, sure shines a spotlight on Lewis' sexuality.

However, Jenny's sassy and simple lyricism is both a blessing and a curse for the album. While her words deliver the punch, they usually resist further interpretation. The alluring chorus of "Portions For Foxes," "and the talking leads to touching / and the touching leads to sex / and then there is no mystery left" sums it up. Jenny playfully but powerfully offers her beauty without a whole lot of emotional depth.

Luckily, Rilo Kiley is a massively talented and multi-faceted outfit. More Adventurous proves what anyone who listened closely enough to The Execution of All Things figured out: that Rilo Kiley is not a cute, one-trick pop group, but a versatile force in indie rock. One of the big reasons is guitarist Blake Sennett. While vocally he takes a backseat in this album, his guitarwork takes center-stage. Whether he's tangled up in hyperactive pop hooks on "Does He Love You?" and "Portions For Foxes," plucking out delicate acoustic riffs on "The Absence of God," or flat-out rocking in "Love and War," Sennett constantly impresses.

Other musical flourishes mark More Adventurous as a new milestone for Rilo Kiley. Collaboration with Dntel's Jimmy Tamborello (indie rock's new village bicycle, thanks to Ben Gibbard) provides an interesting electronic interlude in "Accidental Deth," while "A Man/Me/Then Jim," juxtaposes rambling bongos, raw acoustic guitar, and an occasional trumpet. While violins are quickly becoming cliched in the indie pop world, they cathartically show up in all the right places. The record is more varied, more interesting, and better executed than any of the band's previous recordings.

It's almost a shame that Jenny Lewis gets all the credit from critics on an album where her peers seem to be the real stars. Regardless, Rilo Kiley wouldn't be much without her. Jenny's signature heart-breaking voice shines as a unique instrument that no other band can boast. It almost seemed subdued on previous albums, but refined production allows the listener to hear every detail of her delivery. I guess that's why Rilo Kiley is such a solid band: none of the parts are replaceable. And... well, Jenny's really cute.

Replayability ::	9.1
Innovation ::	8.7
Lyrical Content ::	5.7
Production ::	9.0
Accessibility ::	9.8

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince: predictions and speculations

by Caroline Abbey '05
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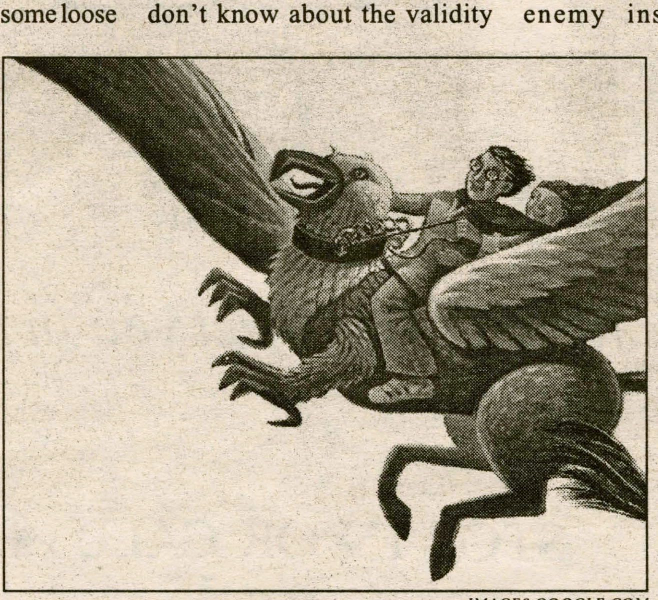
If you're a Harry Potter fan like I am, or maybe even if you're not, you probably know that the title of Book 6, Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince, was released this summer. Originally there was very little revealed about the book other than the title, but on J.K. Rowling's website (www.jkrowling.com) she promises that the half-blood prince is not Harry or Voldemort.

As you can imagine, this left Harry Potter fans everywhere guessing who the half-blood prince could be. Fans received a new clue when very recently, a small excerpt from Book 6 was revealed to fans who could figure out a code on Rowling's website (it is now available in various news articles on the web):

"He looked rather like an old lion. There were streaks of gray in his mane of tawny hair and his bushy eyebrows; he had keen yellowish eyes behind a pair of wide-rimmed spectacles and a certain rangy, loping grace even though he walked with a slight limp."

Now I still don't have any idea who the half-blood prince could be, or if this quote even refers to the half-blood prince, but I'm about to make some loose predictions for the next book so if you want to make your own, don't read on!

There are two characters who will gain importance in the sixth book and they are Professor Snape and Neville Longbottom. Since the very first book, Harry, Ron and Hermione have been suspicious of Snape, yet time and time again Dumbledore has defended him.



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One prediction is certain: Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince is going to sell a crap-load of copies!

I think in the sixth book we will finally learn why Dumbledore trusts Snape so unconditionally. Clearly there is an event in the past that gave Dumbledore complete faith in this former Death Eater, and I believe Book 6 is when we will find out why. My own personal guess is that somehow Snape saved Dumbledore's life or protected him in some way at a time of vulnerability. I don't know about the validity of my prediction, but if Harry and his friends are to successfully fight against the dark arts, they are going to need to know why a former Death Eater is now considered a friend.

I also believe Neville will become a more important character now that we have learned that it was possible that he could have been Voldemort's arch-enemy instead of Harry. Neville also began to prove himself in the fifth book. He masters skills in the secret defense against the dark arts club, and also has success in fighting off the death eaters in the last battle scene of Book 5. I think it is safe to say that Neville will only prove to be an even better wizard in the next two books, and we will also learn even more about his past now that Harry knows about Neville's parents.

As for the half-blood prince, it's hard to say who that could be. Rowling always comes up with great twists and surprises, and I hesitate to make any statement on who I think the half blood prince is, but I will list a few contenders. Hagrid and Professor Lupin are clear possibilities since we know that Hagrid is half giant, and Lupin is a werewolf. Godric Gryffindor could also be the half-blood prince since we know he was a very powerful wizard who was not prejudiced against muggle born witches and wizards.

If you don't consider Tom Riddle and Lord Voldemort the same person, then Tom Riddle could be the half-blood prince, but I think it's doubtful since Rowling has been so adamant that it is not Voldemort. I'm not sure about any other choices since it could be a character we haven't met yet, perhaps the one in the short excerpt released on Rowling's website.

My predictions only present a few vague ideas about Book 6, so you can take them as you will and add to them with your own ideas. One prediction I feel sure about, however, is that Rowling will deliver a wonderfully exciting story in Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince, just as she has in the rest of the series!

The best Steve Perry imitator I have ever seen

by Allison Kerbel '05
A&E Contributor

Last Friday, Journey played at the Saratoga Performing Arts Center. Yeah, that's right, Journey, the genius band responsible for hits like "Don't Stop Believing" and "Lights." And I was there to see them, along with a bunch of other Hamilton students and alums.

You might say, "But wait! Journey just isn't Journey without Steve Perry!" It's true, Steve is gone. And I don't know the name of the guy who's filling in. But whatever his name is, he's doing a damn fine job.

We knew the concert was going to be awesome when the very second song was the National Anthem arranged for electric guitar solo. And Journey came through with all the classics, not only "Don't Stop Believing" and "Lights," but "Wheel in the Sky," "Faithfully" and "Open Arms." We called Erica Hassink '04 during "Lights" and held up the cellphone; Erica cried. The sheer awesomeness of several songs inspired Charlie Grafman '03 and James Morrison '04 to strip off their shirts. The only dream of mine that Journey failed to fulfill was covering "We Built this City" (originally by Jefferson Starship, recently recognized by VH1 as the Number One most Awesomely Bad song). But I guess you can't have everything.

We did get the most awesome low-budget lightshow I've ever seen in the form of rows of light bulbs behind the band flashing varying patterns. Occasionally a strobe light was involved. And the drummer had two bass drums, clearly making Journey the most badass band in the entire world.

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Even though they are pretty much in the geriatric ward, Journey won't stop believing or touring! Rock!

The one sour note: why wouldn't Journey play songs we recognized? For every classic, the audience was subjected to two or three new ones. Although to be fair, some of the more hardcore Journey fans (for example, the middle-aged woman who danced with her arms in the air for the entire two-hour concert) might have enjoyed the songs that inspired the Hamilton kids to yell, "play some Journey!"

But the tickets were only twenty bucks. Saratoga is only an hour away. And when I am old, I will be able to tell my grandchildren that I saw Journey on tour in 2004.

The Chronicles of Zinn

A series of journals of one Hamilton student's semester in New York City

by Zachary Zinn '05
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EDITOR'S NOTE: *In Spring 2003, Zachary Zinn was required to submit journal entries about his experience on the Hamilton New York City Program for a class. These journals were posted on the college website at http://onthehill.hamilton.edu/news/exp/nyc/zinn.html, but these are the unedited versions that didn't make the cut.*

Week Two: The Conductor's Fury

Last Thursday, my colleagues and I were whisked away, via Subway, to the Lincoln Center for an evening of high-falutin' fun with the New York Philharmonic. We were just a few rows back from the action, with a clear view of Lorin Maazel conducting his rag-tag gang of virtuosos to a snappy rendition of Schubert's Symphony No. 8 and Bruckner's Symphony No. 7.

I really had a lot of respect for Mr. Maazel, who appeared to be an unstoppable ball of conducting fury. According to the program, the man had accomplished more by the age of seven than I am likely to do in my entire life. Conducting began to seem like a really good gig to me; it must be a real power trip to have an army of musical gods at your disposal, waiting to do your bidding with the flick of a wrist. I would probably use the power for more nefarious purposes, but unfortunately my musical talents never really advanced past a few years of piano and the recorder in middle school, an instrument that I could only coax into producing a sound so hateful and strained that it could only serve to annihilate, rather than uplift, the human spirit. So perhaps conducting is not in the cards for me.

All in all, the Philharmonic was a nice departure from the doldrums of the dreary workaday world, and I felt like an elite Manhattanite for the night. Schubert didn't do it for me, but I really enjoyed the Bruckner symphony, which featured a triumphant brass section and one massive, glorious cymbal clap of justice at the end, which I was certain I could have played. I imagine after that, conductor, and the world, will only be a matter of time for me.

Executive Decision has taken badass hostage and won't let it go!

by Tim Mudie '05
A&E Editor

Before I begin I would just like to point out that this week's Samuel Kirkland Film Society movie is *Kill Bill, Volume 2*, which I reviewed last week, completely unaware that it would be shown this week. So, I inadvertently previewed and promoted an on-campus movie. I am just so serendipitous! You're welcome Samuel Kirkland Film Society. And now... on to the review.

I first saw *Executive Decision* one day when I was home sick from school. It was on HBO or something and I figured, "Hey, 'Price is Right' is over, why not watch this?" And boy was I glad I did, because this movie is badasstastic. Really though, you have to figure that any movie based around a plane hijacking has got to be badass. No romantic comedies are set inside of hijacked airplanes, although maybe that would be good. It would certainly be unique. Anyway, back to the movie. For a movie that most people reading this had probably forgot existed, *Executive Decision* has got a pretty star-studded cast. First, there's the supporting cast. You've got Halle Berry, you've got Oliver Platt, you've got John Leguizamo. Hell, you've even got Marla Maples Trump. Oddly enough, it's the two guys with top billing that make me a little wary of the movie. To start, Steven Seagal has second billing. This is worrysome because Steven Seagal is an even worse actor than Vin Diesel. In fact, he's to the point where I'm hesitant even to call him an "actor." Let me put it this way: I got a C in Theater 101 and I could act circles around the guy. If Seagal were the main character of this movie I wouldn't be writing this review right now because I would have turned off this movie during the opening credits. Luckily for us all, Seagal's billing is misleading; he dies about fifteen minutes in and is never seen again. Thank you, Badass God.

So if Seagal isn't starring, then who is? Well, my friends, it's none other than Kurt Russell. I have very mixed feelings about Kurt Russell. I always think of him as a good actor, but if I were asked to name his best roles, I would be at a complete loss. What tends to stick with me is his terrible, terrible choices, like *Dark Blue* (sample line: "I built this town... with bullets!), not movies like *Miracle* or... um... see, I'm having trouble even now. Thankfully, Kurt was on his A-game for this one and *Executive Decision* has him at his best. He's a doctor, he studies terrorists, he knows his stuff, but he's still a pretty normal guy. That is to say, he doesn't go around single-handedly killing all of the terrorists (like a certain Mr. Seagal). What he does do is work through problems and use his head to beat the terrorists. And, of course, there's a bunch of shooting. This is, after all, a badass movie.

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Killing terrorists, landing airplanes, defusing bombs, and sexing up Goldie Hawn: a day chock full of badass for Kurt Russell.

So what's the plot of *Executive Decision*? Well, some terrorists (I think they're Islamic fundamentalists) hijack a plane and demand that their captive leader be set free. The government is surprisingly quick to acquiesce to this, but they secretly manage to insert a military team (including Kurt Russell) onto the plane, sending Seagal plummeting to his death in the process. At this point, to be honest, my memory of the film gets a bit hazy (keep in mind I saw this again last year) but I know that it involves Halle Berry as a stewardess, some sort of bomb and a secret plot by the terrorists to use the plane as a giant bomb that will spread nerve gas across the east coast.

But what is particularly badass is when they try to defuse the bomb. See, the military's bomb defuser happens to get paralyzed during an accident boarding the plane (whoops!) leaving Oliver Plath, who has no background in bomb-defusing to defuse it while the real defuser gives him expert professional advice. For example, when the deadly bomb may go off, killing many innocents, what does he say? "Trust in your instincts." In fact, "trust in your instincts" is about all the advice that poor Oliver Plath gets. The last time my computer had some problems I decided to fix it by "trusting in my instincts" and I can now no longer use the Internet. But, hey, I'm no Oliver Plath.

This movie, while badass, is more psychologically badass than most that I review. There is excellent tension between Halle Berry and the leader of the terrorists (whose name I am too lazy to look up) as she tries to help Russell and his team without letting on that they are on the plane. There are a few great near misses where a terrorist nearly sees Russell or one of his team and the director really managed to capture the anxiety. Understandably, there can't be a whole bunch of explosions in a movie that takes place entirely on a passenger plane. There are a few gunfights, but nothing too wild. One particularly badass scene is when the plane that Russell and crew fly to the hijacked plane implodes in midair, before Seagal manages to get out. My only hope is that he landed somewhere that has acting classes. This has been Badass Movie Reviews. Next Week: *Sleepover*.

Topsy Washington rocks Opus

by Whitney K. Rothe '05
A&E Editor

Wednesday night in Café Opus, an audience of slightly-caffeinated patrons and heavily-caffeinated students were treated to an acoustic concert by Hamilton's premiere band, Topsy Washington. The band members, guitarist/lead vocalist Timothy Emmerick '05, lead guitarist Maximillian Verrelli '05 and keyboardist Benjamin Hecht '05, discarded their hard rock stylings and electric instruments in favor of earthy acoustic sounds that perfectly complimented the intimate venue. Unfortunately, as a result, drummer Matt Amaroso '05 was an audience member for the evening, but the concert proved to rock people's socks off even without him laying down hot beats.

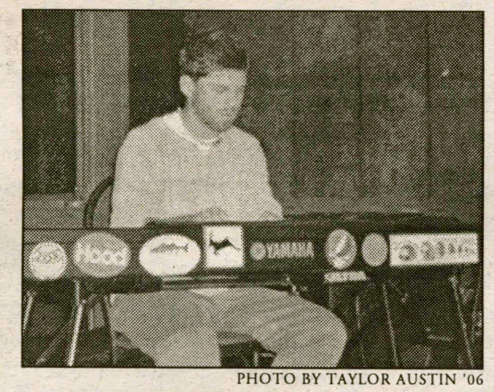
PHOTO BY TAYLOR AUSTIN '06

Max Verrelli '05 and Tim Emmerick '05 trade licks during "Recognition."

Opening with "Magic Boy", a track off of its soon-to-be released EP, Topsy immediately showed its steady improvement since its first concert at the Annex almost two years ago. Even without the power of his electric guitar, Verrelli's smooth guitar-playing continues to astonish and recalls a young Anastasio in his Wilson and YEM days. In fact, Topsy showed how much it has matured by showcasing all of the songs off their upcoming CD, which feature Verrelli on vocals on "Seed," "Waterline" and the epic power ballad "Amy". The highlight of the evening had to be "Recognition", a reflection after a night of serious partying according to Emmerick. The tune seriously rocks harder than anything Topsy has written to this point, and Emmerick's vocals literally dance on the surface of Verrelli's playful jams.

Hecht's moment of the evening came during "Storm" as the keys evoked images of grey winter days and glorious rainfalls. A heartbreaker in electric, the scaled-back acoustic version of this song allowed the keys to take full focus, and it proved to be easily the greatest song that Topsy has written to this point.

About the evening, avid Topsy Washington fan, Justin Thompson-Tucker '05 commented, "It was badass, yo. Badass. My face was severely melted after all of the sick jams." Several songs and a performance by Topsy Washington itself will be featured in the upcoming feature film *Liberal Arts*, premiering on campus September 24th.



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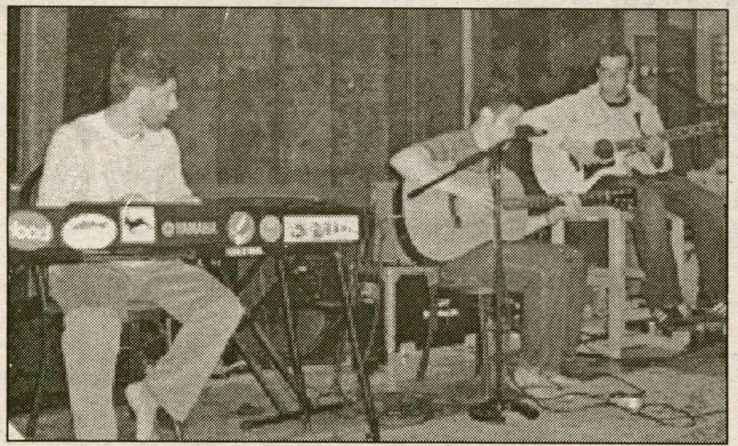
Keyboardist Ben Hecht '05 rocked the house during "Storm."

With an appearance in a feature movie, an upcoming CD, and an intimate and wonderful concert, Topsy Washington is establishing itself as a musical powerhouse and one of the next great bands.



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Topsy Washington played an hour long acoustic set in Cafe Opus. The set featured songs, such as "Amy" and "Magic Boy," off their upcoming EP.

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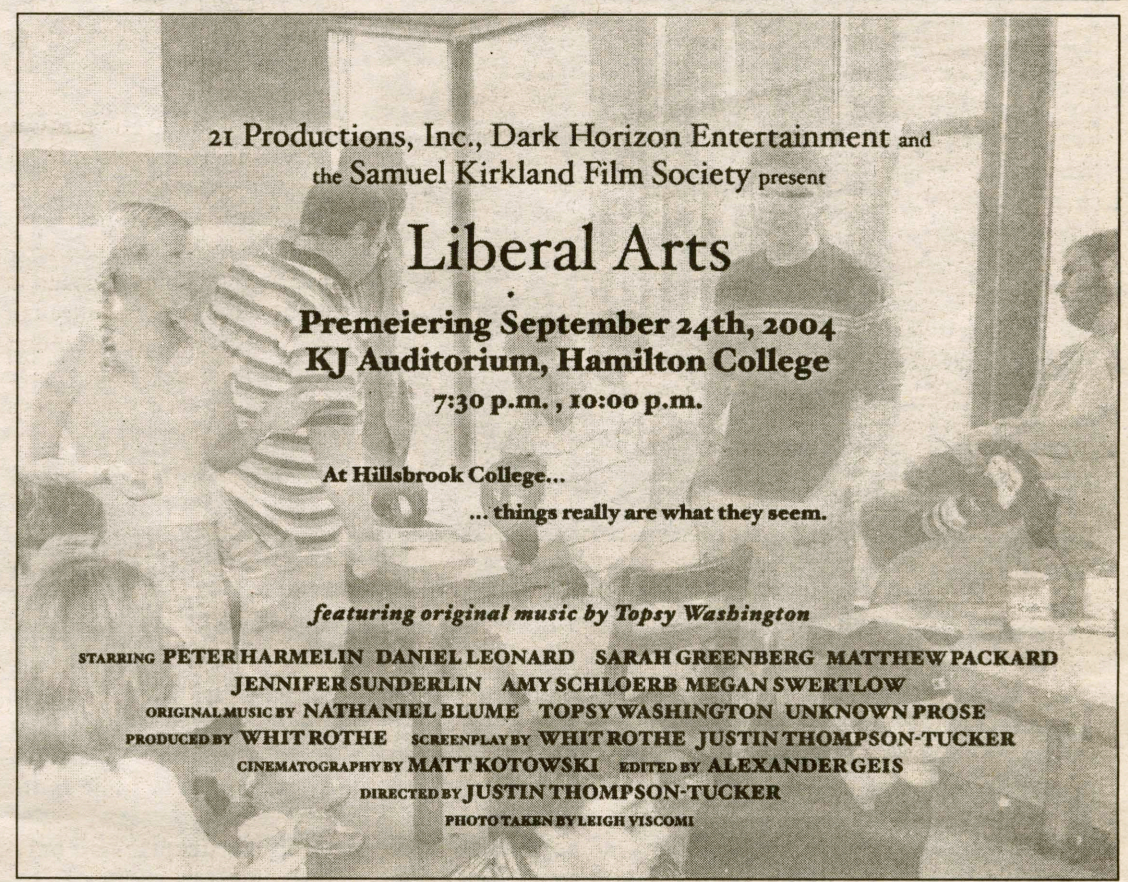

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Science Geek of the Week

by Katrina Lexa '05
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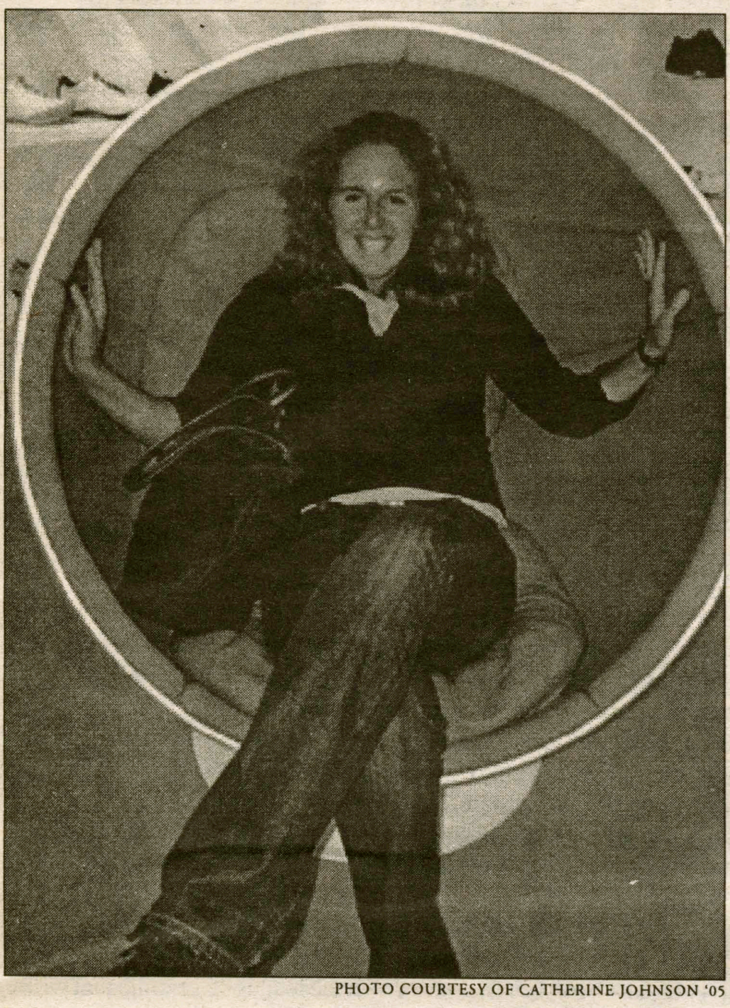
Name: Mollie Wright
Year: 2005
Major: Biology; minor Studio Arts
Extracurriculars: Jitney, Mail Center employment and Student Career Center Panel
Best Known for: Booty Dancing



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Mollie sitting inside a cell (that also resembles a chair).

Last Heard Singing: *"Touch me Touch me Touch me"*
Favorite Organism: Diabetic mice. "The diabetic ones are the fat ones."
Aspirations post-Hamilton: Meterology. That just shows how retarded I am. I'm a bio major but I don't want to do anything that has to do with my major.
Favorite Cloud Formation: Cumulonimbus…those are the thunderhead clouds.
What did you do this summer? Worked with Pfitsch doing ecology research, running around in the Rome sandplanes, collecting dirt…the lab was so covered in dirt, because they didn't have any cleaning staff yet. It was absurd.
How were the bugs? Black flies bite through jeans. I didn't know that. We'd go out and take pictures at dusk and they were so awful, we all looked like the unibomber; we had our hoods pulled really tightly like Kenny from South Park.
Favorite Mammalian Phylum: Whaaaaaaaat????
Favorite TV Show: Kung Fu. And TLC.
Most Creative Science Pickup Line: "I can't help it — my eyes are trapped in the gravitational field of your breasts!!"

Genesis Explorer

by Katrina Lexa '05
Science Editor

$260 million. That's the price tag on science's version of the book of Genesis. And on September 8, 2004, it crashed into the Utah desert.

Genesis was the name of a NASA space capsule deployed two years ago in a quest to collect research data that would bring precious atomic specimens back to earth. Diamond and sapphire were only two of the special materials used to construct the capsule's plates. Every one of Genesis' 55 hexagonal plates were deployed in deep space, 930,000 miles from planet Earth, where our gravitational forces and those of the sun cancel each other out. The specialized plates collected solar wind samples - tiny atoms, traveling close to a million miles an hour after being ejected from the Sun.

Turned down by military pilots, NASA turned to Hollywood stunt pilots to catch the space capsule upon its return to Earth. The plan involved a 450-pound capsule traveling 25,000 miles per hour, a giant parachute, a 20 foot hook, two helicopters and two incredibly brave pilots.

But at 9:53a.m., the image that appeared on the screen at the Army's Dugway Proving Ground dashed hopes for a smooth return of the scientific data. The capsule was spinning out of control, its parachute deployed too late for a safe capture. Had it opened as intended, Fleming and Rudert would have had four chances to hook the capsule before impact. Regrettably, Genesis crashed into the Utah desert. The damage done to the canister where the space matter was contained is not yet fully known.

However, Roy Haggard, director of flight operations for NASA, remarked that it was "quite suprising how little damage there was." Fortunately, according to the director of solar system exploration at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, CA., Chris Jones, there do exist procedures that may be able to recover the scientific data contained on the solar plates.

Genesis began its return trip home in April, after 850 days in space. The capsule holds the potential to allow scientists the evidence necessary to compare primordial building blocks; the gas and dust that became components of the planets. The principle investigator of the mission noted that Genesis's successful mission would allow researchers to "compare the starting composition of all planetary materials with what they are today."

Relax, it's only water

By Dan Seeger '06
Science Writer

It is not uncommon for a meal at the diner to lead to informal conversations based on irrelevant observations and obscure facts.

One way or the other, my lunchtime banter was recently drawn into the direction of water drinking contests. I, of course, contested that I could drink more water in a specified amount of time than anyone in the booth, which I still argue is true. This is when a friend inquired whether it is possible to die from water. I quickly cited the sinking of the Titanic and that people have drowned all over the world, but then the question was rephrased. Is it possible to die from water poisoning? Another friend at the table declared "Yes" and gave a high school definition of membranes and permeability (it wasn't too bad for a history major). However, this got me thinking about the actual process of water poisoning, if and how it is possible, and whether it is likely.

Yes. Water poisoning is possible and it has the potential to kill. More scientifically, it is called hyponatremia, which refers to a low salt concentration. When massive amounts of water are ingested in a short amount of time, the sodium in the blood is diluted to dangerous levels. A precise concentration of sodium in the blood is critical to maintain the body's water balance. Typically, a body attempts to maintain homeostasis by matching the water intake with an appropriately equal amount of excretions, primarily directed by the kidneys. But when this balance is tampered with, the stable isotonic environment of the blood plasma shifts to a more serous hypotonic environment. During the onset of hyponatremia, the diluted sodium concentration in the liquid surroundings of the body's cells forces water to flow into the cells, causing cellular swelling.

The symptoms of hyponatremia range from nausea and muscle cramps to seizures and death. Factors that can make a person more susceptible are body size, quantity of food in the stomach, and the unique workings of individuals' kidneys. Women are more susceptible than men to the most serous effects of hyponatremia, although definitive reasons why are still unknown. The cause of the most harmful symptoms is the hazardous adjustment of the blood brain barrier to a hypotonic environment which leads to the swelling of the brain.

Athletes taking part in marathons or triathlons are at the highest risk of hyponatremia. During a race an athlete will loose much of his sodium via sweating. Drinking solely water to replace this sodium loss will only worsen the condition by further diluting the small concentration of remaining sodium. However, these effects of hyponatremia are only probable during long races when participants sweat for an extended period of time. Dehydration remains the primary concern when participating in strenuous competitions.

There have been reported cases of hyponatremia caused by fraternity hazing rituals. Recently, a student was killed at SUNY Plattsburg and another student was hospitalized from Southern Methodist University, both after being forced to drink mass quantities of water. In these instances, the quick introduction of an intolerable amount of water irreversibly destroyed the solute-to-water ratio in their blood, leading to hyponatremia's most severe consequences.

Hyponatremia is not a common cause of death and is a rare cause of concern for most people. Many websites advise that the best way to protect yourself from too much water is to replenish lost sweat with sports drinks or other forms of sodium. However, considering the obscurity of hypontremia, I think that signing up for swim lessons would provide a more practical form of protection from the real life dangers of excess water.

Obesity epidemic

By Whitney Bull '06
Science Writer

This August, 39-year old Gayle Grinds died at Martin Memorial Hospital South in Florida. Grinds' death marked the end of a six year struggle with a terminal illness: morbid obesity.

Grinds's weight issue plagued her for her entire lifetime. The last six years of her life, however, she was so obese that she was unable to leave her couch - not even to go to the bathroom or shower. Rescue workers who were alerted by a 911 call placed by her family (Ms. Grinds complained she was having difficulty breathing) could not remove her 478 lb. frame from the couch because the skin in her back had fused to the fabric of the couch. Eventually Grinds was lifted (couch and all) from her home and placed on a trailer (she was too large for the ambulance). She died two hours later.

Gayle Grinds is an extreme example of the overwhelming increase in obesity among Americans. The Center for Disease Control estimates that nearly 65% of adults and 15% of children are either overweight or obese. The CDC defines obesity as "an excessively high amount of body fat or adipose tissue in relation to body mass." To calculate the levels of fat in one's body, the CDC uses the Body Mass Index (BMI). The BMI measures the level of fat in one's body using height and weight. A BMI of less than 18.5 is considered underweight; 18.5-24.9 is healthy; 25-29.9 is overweight; 30 or more is obese. Gayle Grinds had a BMI of roughly 90.8.

Obesity is on the rise in America, as are the side effects of the disease. High blood pressure, type 2 diabetes, coronary heart disease, congestive heart failure, stroke, certain types of cancer, gallstones, and gout are only a handful of the health problems related to obesity.

Perhaps the most optimistic statistic about obesity is that it remains of the most preventable disease in America. While a number of factors contribute to obesity, the biggest two are environment and behavior. A person's surroundings, diet, and exercise habits are the three most influential over a person's BMI. Genetics, metabolism, culture, and socioeconomic status contribute to a person's BMI as well. While one is not able to change their genetic predisposition to being overweight, one can positively affect his or her health by practicing good nutritional and exercise habits. And as a corollary to this: beware the frosh 15.

Who's the favorite in the NFL this season?

by Michael Proia '05
SENIOR EDITOR

The NFL Season kicked off last night in Foxboro where the New England Patriots and Indianapolis Colts locked up in a rematch of last year's AFC Championship game. With the rest of week one in the NFL scheduled to be played Sunday, let's not waste any time getting to my picks for the best and the worst of the league. My playoff picks follow the individual award winners. Enjoy the season, I know I will.

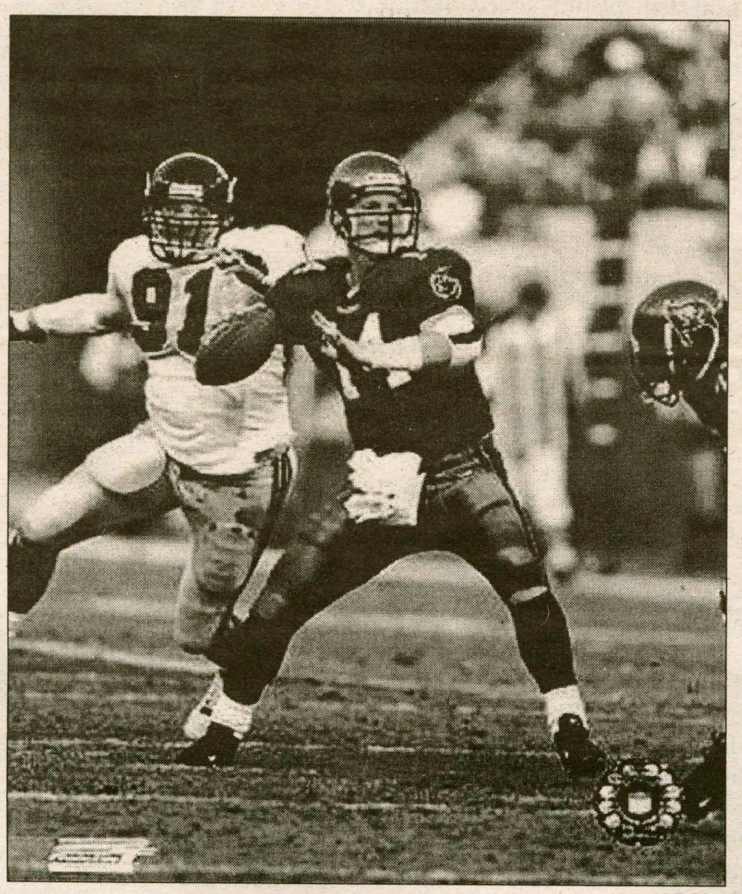
MVP: Matt Hasselbeck, Seattle Seahawks. Hasselbeck's numbers have steadily improved since his first year in Seattle. His young receiving core is growing up fast, and with a great back behind him, expect Matt to lead his team to the playoffs again, posting more than 25 TD's for the year. This may just be wishful thinking, but Hasselbeck has been ready to win this award for the last 2 years, and this may be his best chance. Honorable Mention: Peyton Manning, Indianapolis Colts; Donovan McNabb, Philadelphia Eagles.

Offensive P.O.Y.: Peyton Manning, Indianapolis Colts. Hasselbeck may be the one doing the great leading out west, but his numbers cannot compare to 4,000+ yards and a possible 30 passing touchdowns season. Manning continues to improve his passer rating, and don't be surprised to see him break the 100.0 mark this season. Honorable Mention: Randy Moss, Minnesota Vikings; Priest Holmes, Kansas City Chiefs.

Defensive P.O.Y.: Derrick Brooks, Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Brooks has been a fixture in Tampa, racking up 100 tackles the last eight straight seasons. He'll have to step it up with the loss of Warren Sapp in the middle. If he leads the Bucs to the playoffs, he deserves this award and the respect he will get with it. Honorable Mention: Ray Lewis, Baltimore Ravens; Jevon Kearse, Philadelphia Eagles.

Offensive Rookie of the Year: Robert Gallery, Oakland Raiders. Offensive linemen rarely win this award, but Gallery is just that good. Kellen Winslow will break down at some point, as the NFL season is too long for a rookie tight end to take a pounding from linebackers. Gallery will be a standout in Oakland despite not playing in a very good offense. Honorable mention: Kellen Winslow Jr., Cleveland Browns; Kevin Jones, Detroit Lions.

Defensive Rookie of the Year: Sean Taylor, Washington Redskins. Taylor made an immediate impact in his first preseason game by intercepting two passes, taking one back for a touchdown. Taylor may be a Pro-Bowl safety as a rookie, and will not be challenged for this award. Honorable Mention: Jonathan Vilma, New York Jets; Kenechi Udeze, Minnesota Vikings.



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Can Brad Johnson lead the Tampa Bay Bucs to another Superbowl? Some say yes, while others say Johnson will be lucky to win eight games this season.

Coach of the Year: Jack Del Rio, Jacksonville Jaguars. The Jags are making poised to make a playoff push led by young-gun Byron Leftwich. The playoff spot alone warrants Del Rio getting the recognition considering how far this team has come in two years. Honorable Mention: Mike Tice, Minnesota Vikings; Mike Shanahan, Denver Broncos.

Now for my playoff predictions: Based on recent NFL history, chances are at least 4 of last year's 12 playoff teams will not be returning to the promised land, but only time will tell how many can repeat this season. The AFC looks to be pretty steady right now, but the top of the NFC will crumble in a hurry.

AFC Playoffs:

East: New England Patriots. The Dolphins hopes swam out of town in a hurry when Ricky Williams chose smoking marijuana over playing in the NFL. David Boston went down for the season (surprising exactly no one in San Diego or Arizona), and the 'Phins have already flip-flopped over their starting QB twice in the preseason. Jets still don't have the defense, and the Bills still don't have the coaching, or the leadership from their quarterback. Pats have too much returning not to win the division.

North: Baltimore Ravens. Cincinnati will be hunted just as much as they were hunting last year, so no chance to sneak up on people. Pittsburgh needs a change or personnel on the sidelines, as the Bill Cowher-act has gotten old. Cleveland made solid improvements in the off-season, but not enough to take down Baltimore. The Ravens have a great defense, and a strong running game, which is all they need in this division. South: Indianapolis Colts.

South: Indianapolis Colts. The big three (Manning, Marvin Harrison and Edgerrin James) are probably in their last year together, so this may be the end of the run for the Colts. But these three weapons are enough to power the Colts past everyone else in the league. Tennessee is getting too old and has not done enough to rejuvenate. Houston is still too young as a franchise, and the Jaguars still don't have the consistency too beat a team that should win 12 games.

West: Denver Broncos. No one is suggesting that Clinton Portis can be replaced, but if any team can deal with a loss like that, it's the Broncos. They have had 4 different 1,000 yard rushers since 1999, and Quentin Griffin should be able to fill in effectively. The Broncos added Champ Bailey and John Lynch to a weak secondary, and a healthy Jake Plummer will be a big difference from last year. Kansas City did nothing to improve the defense, and Oakland and San Diego simply don't have enough talent to compete over 16 games.

Wildcards: Jacksonville Jaguars, Kansas City Chiefs. The Chiefs still have a great offense, and the Jags have a feisty attitude and hard hitting defense. The Titans have settled into a comfort level the last few years, and are ready to be beaten out for the last spot.

AFC Championship: Pats vs. Ravens.

AFC Champion: New England Patriots. Its' become commonplace to hear ESPN "experts" say its too hard to win the conference two years in a row, but the Pats are every bit as good as the Broncos and Packers that both saw consecutive Super Bowl appearances in the mid 90's. The Patriots have a superstar quarterback, hall-of-fame coach, and the best defense in the NFL, so a trip to Jacksonville is likely.

NFC Playoffs:

East: Philadelphia Eagles. The Eagles added a top-notch wide receiver in Terrell Owens, and a great pass rusher, Jevon Kearse, and this team has been to the last three NFC Championship games. Parcells usually makes big jumps in his second year with teams, but this year he is relying too much on borrowed time in the form of Vinny Testaverde. Joe Gibbs has been gone too long to take his team to a division title, and the Giants have too many side stories to stay focused on winning all year long.

North: Minnesota Vikings. The Vikings choked away the division last year in Arizona in the final week, but they'll put that behind them and come back strong. Favre finally showed signs of being human last year, and the Packers have too high a climb if he's not playing at a Pro-Bowl level. The Lions are improving quickly but haven't closed the gap yet, and the Bears are relying on a mediocre college quarterback (Rex Grossman) to lead their team. South: Tampa Bay Buccaneers. No more Sapp? No problem. The Bucs have brought in Charlie Garner to bolster the running game, and Brad Johnson no longer has to deal with a whiny Keyshawn Johnson. Tim Brown is a veteran leader who can calm this offense down, and the defense will be spectacular, now that they are healthy again. Atlanta suffered too big injuries in the off-season when Michael Vick got hurt, and DeAngelo Hall went down for 10 weeks. The Saints are showing promise, and the Panthers return a lot from an NFC Championship team, but not enough to out-perform the gritty Tampa defense.

West: Seattle Seahawks. The MVP will lead his team to a division title pretty easily in 2004. The 49ers lost almost every skill position starter on offense from last year. The Rams are falling fast, and Orlando Pace's play will suffer from missing the entire preseason as a holdout. Arizona has the same running backs that Dallas had 2 years ago when they won only 5 games. Don't expect that many from the Cardinals.

Wildcards: New Orleans Saints, Green Bay Packers. Favre still has enough left to work with one of the best backs in the NFL. Green can carry the offense more as the year goes on, saving Favre's arm and health for the late playoff push. The Saints have a great, underrated running back in Deuce McAllister, and Aaron Brooks uses his athleticism very well in hooking up with his favorite target, Joe Horn. The Panthers are close to being a playoff team, but some offensive line adjustments will slow them down in the first few weeks. They won't be able to dig themselves out of the hole. NFC Championship: Seahawks vs. Buccaneers.

NFC Champion: Tampa Bay Buccaneers. The Bucs will rely on Brad Johnson's field presence and a great defense to return to their 2002 form. Derrick Brooks patrols the defense better than most linebackers, and he'll work well with addition Ian Gold. Gruden knows what it takes to get to the top, and he'll have his team ready this year.

Super Bowl Champions: New England Patriots. When it comes down to it, Bill Belichick, Charlie Weis, and Romeo Crennel are the best set of coaches in the league. Combine that with the youngest two-time Super Bowl MVP in Tom Brady, and s smart, quick defense, and the recipe for success is all there. Corey Dillon adds an extra dimension to the Pats attack, something they lacked in each of the previous two Super Bowl seasons. The Pats cement their place in history, winning a third NFL Championship in the last 4 years.

Women's soccer

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Ollett '07, a stronger and more experienced Eileen Fisher '07, and senior captain Mara Dropkin- Frank chasing Hamilton's career goals and points records (she is currently ranked fourth all-time in both categories), the Continentals will get a chance to seek revenge on the three teams who beat them last year. The team will face William Smith on October 2, RPI on October 9, and defending Division III national champions SUNY Oneonta at home in their final regular season game on October 30, this year's younger, but equally talented team, hopes to take their game to the next level.

Captain Sarah Jones believes that the team can build on last year saying, "We are a very young team, but we are developing quickly. In order to achieve our goals, we must continue this development by continuing to work hard. If we do we will be able to achieve our goals of beating Union, winning the Liberty League, and making the NCAA's."

Beat the Experts

Last week Prioa was undeated, Kat and Brit came in second, but have now been dumped for Nick Lund, the photo editor. Our guest for this week is the honorable John Gordon, by far the ugliest of the three Gordon brothers to attend Hamilton.

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Season Record:	**6-3**	**6-3**	**9-0**	**7-2**	**6-3**
NFL					
Seattle @ New Orleans 9/12	Seahawks	Seahawks	Seahawks	Seahawks	Seahawks
Kansas City @ Denver 9/12	Chiefs	Broncos	Broncos	Chiefs	Broncos
Baltimore@ Cleveland 9/12	Ravens	Ravens	Ravens	Ravens	Ravens
Tampa Bay @ Washington 9/12	Skins	Skins	Bucs	Bucs	Skins
Dalls @ Minnesota 9/12	Vikings	Vikings	Vikings	Vikings	Vikings
College Football					
#6 Florida State @ #5 Miami 9/10	FSU	FSU	Miami	FSU	Miami
#7 Michigan @ Notre Dame 9/11	Notre Dame	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
Georgia Tech @ #18 Clemson 9/11	Clemson	Clemson	Clemson	Clemson	Clemson
MLB					
Boston @ Seattle 9/11	Sox	Sox	Sox	Sox	Sox
St Louis @ Los Angeles	Cardinals	Dodgers	Cardinals	Cardinals	Cardinals

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Men's soccer looks to young talent

by Mike Hayes '06
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Tennis star Jimmy Connors once said, "Experience is a great advantage. The problem is that when you get the experience, you're too damned old to do anything about it." For the 2004 season, the Hamilton College Men's soccer squad is taking this advice to heart as they attack the year with a very young, but talented team. Senior tri-captain Robbie Wang commented on the expectations of the 2004 squad saying, "Since I've been here, we have always finished top 4 in the conference. This season, with hard work and good team chemistry, there is no reason we shouldn't return to the Liberty Conference Tournament and put up a legitimate fight to be crowned champions." To say the least, this doesn't exactly sound like a team worried about its lack of experience.

Perry Nizzi looks to guide the Continentals to a fifth straight double-digit win season as he enters his eighth year on the hill as the Hamilton College soccer coach. "Ultimately, our main goal is to make it to the conference playoffs - that doesn't change" said Coach Nizzi, "and of course we'd love to make it into the NCAA playoffs." However, it won't come easy. The Continentals will be without six starters from the 2003 season, including all-region and all-conference performers Mike Galante and Dimitry Maurice, and clearly face an up hill battle. However, despite these losses, the team remains upbeat and excited about their prospects for the 2004 season.

"Obviously you worry a little bit when you lose six regulars," commented Coach Nizzi, "But we have some very solid talent on this team and have a lot to be excited about."

In order for the men's soccer squad to be successful, coach Nizzi will depend heavily on the team's senior leadership. "Leadership his huge when you're so young and luckily we have three great senior leaders in Robbie Wang '05, Jake Shapiro ',05 and Mike Signorelli '05," commented coach Nizzi. While the seniors will be looked at to be the glue of the team both on and off the team, Coach Nizzi will look to some underclassmen for major contributions. Sophomore sensation Zach Kelly '07, a midfielder, has had a very impressive pre-season and will look to take the next step for coach Nizzi this season and the Conts will look to its sophomore duo of Greg Rogan and Bob Barrowman, who both had five goals during their respective freshman campaigns, for some of the scoring touch lost due to senior departures. "Rogan and Barrowman our both capable of filling the offensive holes left behind by Dimitry [Maurice] and Wes [Sherman]," exclaimed coach Nizzi.

PHOTO BY NICK LUND '05

The soccer squad needs to rely on speed, agility, and most importantly, stamina, in the upcoming season.

The men's squad will attempt to get off to another quick start this year similar to 2003 when they opened the season red hot going 7-0 and found themselves ranked as high as 11th in the nation. More importantly, however, will be the momentum they have toward the end of the season when it really counts. Robbie Wang commented, "We have kicked off the past few seasons with stellar starts which is extremely important. While the winning momentum is important in the beginning of any season, winning our Conference games will ultimately make or break our chances of going far this year. I have yet to be on Hamilton soccer team that has beaten our conference-rival, St. Lawrence. Hopefully, this will still not be the case by season-end."

In order for the team to be successful early on a lot of early pressure may fall on the shoulders of junior goalkeeper Anthony Tripicchio. Tripicchio, who appeared in all fifteen games in 2003 and posted an impressive 4-1 record, will need to be on top of his game. "Early on, Anthony is going to have to be huge for us" said Coach Nizzi, "As we get deeper into the year and gain experience we should hopefully be able to take more and more pressure off him."

The Continental Men's soccer team has lost some talent and experience from a year ago, but there is no reason that the bar will not remain high for the team. Coach Nizzi has proved year in and year out to find a way to put a successful soccer squad on the field and insists this year should be no different. Robbie Wang may have said it best when he said, "the squad has high expectations of making it to the Conference Tournament. If we can make it that far, anything can happen from there."

Anything indeed, maybe even that elusive Liberty Conference Championship. Hamilton men's soccer opened up at home on September 8th vs. SUNY Institute of Technology and won, 3-0. Unfortunately, they will not return to Love Field until the 24th of September in a crucial match vs. Skidmore.

Women's soccer looks to build on last year's success

Freshman class has large shoes to fill

by Andrew Dassori '07
SPORTS WRITER

With preseason over, final cuts made, and an exciting injection of new faces to the lineup, the Hamilton women's soccer team looks to duplicate last year's success and continue to build what looks to be one of the strongest programs in the Liberty League. Behind Head Coach Colette Gilligan and assistant Patty Kloidt, the Continentals prepare to embark on another challenging schedule in hopes of a league title.

For the 2004 season, Hamilton's women's soccer team looks to add to last year's stunning 9-3-3 mark, which was their best record since 1986. In doing so, they must overcome some key off-season losses and integrate the incoming freshmen into their already solid team dynamic. "We graduated six seniors," said Coach Gilligan, "and in the back we graduated two out of four starters." Of the six seniors who graduated were All-Americans Jen Munoz (the program's first national All-American) and Ana Arnold, "two key losses" according to Gilligan. Fortunately, Gilligan has brought in two new freshmen goalkeepers and two other freshmen who will most likely start at defense. "We have eleven first-year players coming in," explained Gilligan. "They make up a large and talented recruiting class and have come in fit and ready to go." With some large shoes to fill, these freshman will "step right in with less of a learning curve" explains coach Gilligan.

With eleven new freshmen, it is now up to the upperclassmen to take the lead on this extremely talented roster. Captains Liz Roberts '06, Mara Dropkin-Frank '05, and Sarah Jones '05 look to lead the way. "The upperclassmen have done a really good job of integrating the younger players, and we have some great captains," said Coach Gilligan. She added, "the sophomore class is full of personalities with good leadership throughout the class." With the sophomores looking "stronger, tougher, and more mature," the youthful team has a strong core to work with. "The nice thing about this team is we have eleven freshmen and eight sophomores, and in our scrimmages we did well against teams that have been established for a long time," Gilligan commented. "For the team, this is very encouraging."

Plus, with a healthy Beth

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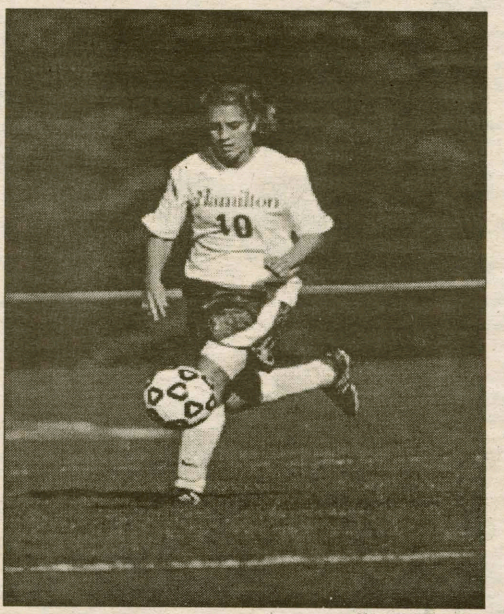

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Senior Captain Mara Dropkin-Frank (10) will look to break into the record books this season.

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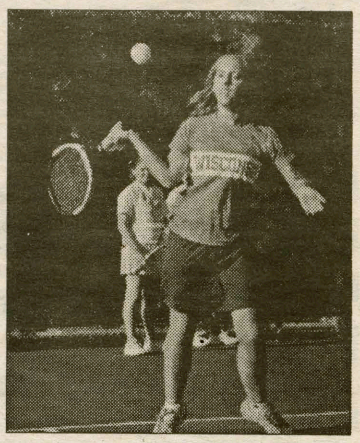

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